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The MILESTONE

Well, here it is. The yearbook. It's been gone for eight years, but now it's back.

Crack it open; it has that new book smell.

This yearbook is like a book of short stories. It's dedicated to you, and you can consider this the prologue. The yearbook is a collection of stories written by Eastern. And although there are many stories in the collection, we could only tell some of them.

But now that the yearbook is back, more stories can be told each year.

These stories encompass some of what Eastern was like in 2007-2008 and the eight years the Milestone wasn't published.

You may have your favorite stories and you may find stories you don't like, but however good or bad the stories are, they are still a part of history. Our history.

And you can't change history.

So jump on in, read all the stories and relive the moments of 2007-2008.

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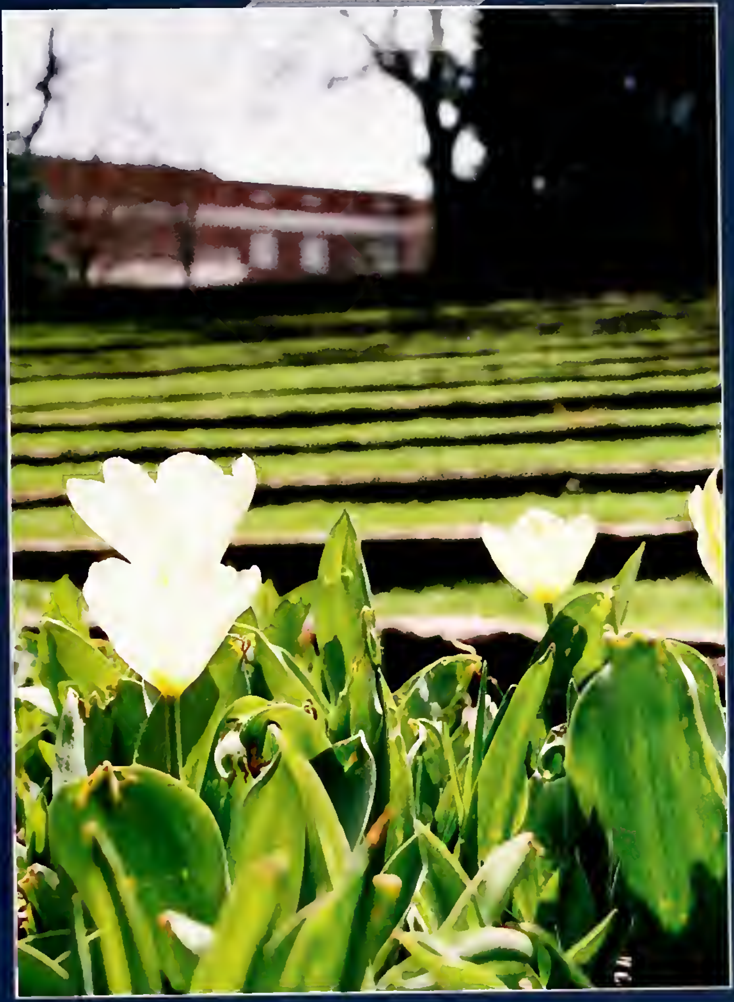

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noun

1. the handing down of statements, beliefs, legends, customs, information, etc., from generation to generation, esp. by word of mouth or by practice
2. something that is handed down
3. a long-established or inherited way of thinking or acting
4. a continuing pattern of culture beliefs or practices.
5. a customary or characteristic method or manner
6. Theology.
7. Law. an act of handing over something to another, esp. in a formal legal manner; delivery; transfer

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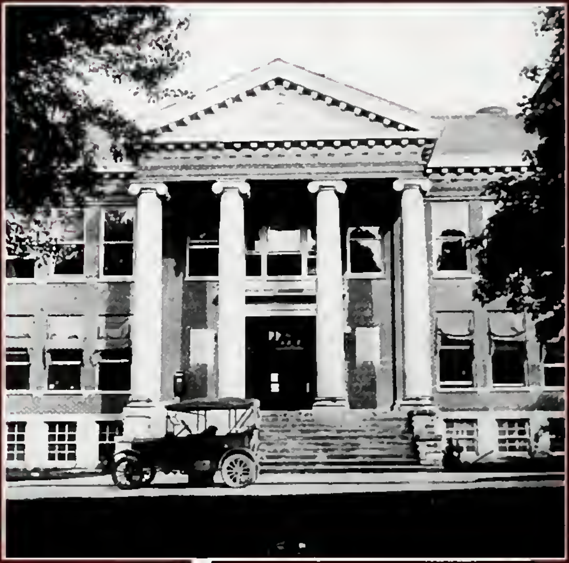
A Century of Tradition

The school that would one day become Eastern Kentucky University was established in 1906 as Eastern Kentucky State Normal School. EKSN was established to educate teachers in the state and, in 1909, Leslie Anderson became the first person to receive a degree from the newly-formed school. Thousands have graduated from Eastern in the hundred years since.

In the 10 years after EKSN was established, many traditions and staples of the Eastern experience were created. The school colors of maroon and white were selected during those formative years. Intramural sports were started and, in 1910, the men's basketball, baseball and football teams began. Many prominent buildings and structures were created, including Sullivan Hall, the Roark Building and the Ravine.

Eastern grew during its second decade, both in size and number of facilities. The school acquired 176 acres of land by purchasing the Stateland Farm. The Cammack Building was built in 1918, Burnam Hall was constructed in 1922, and the Crabbe Library was erected in 1923.



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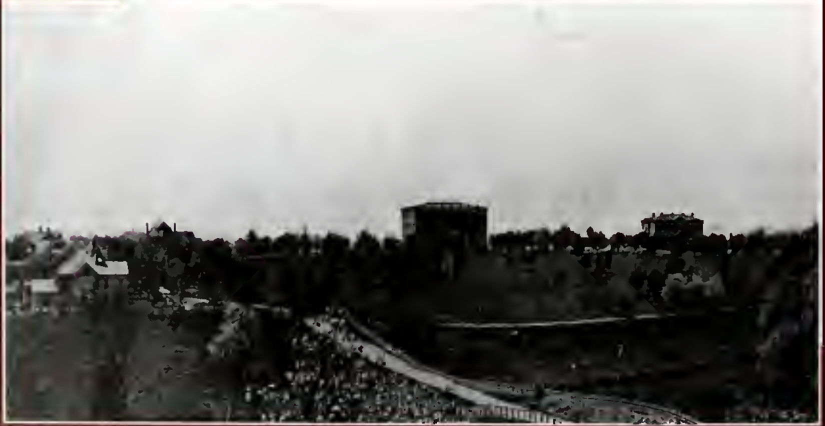


Above: The University Building, the building in the center, can be seen in this 1898 photo. Before EKSN was established, Central College stood in the same location and used the University Building as a classroom building. Central College was created in 1874 by part of the Presbyterian Church in Kentucky. Central then merged with Centre College in 1901. The campus then became Walters Collegiate Institute until 1906 when EKSN was established.

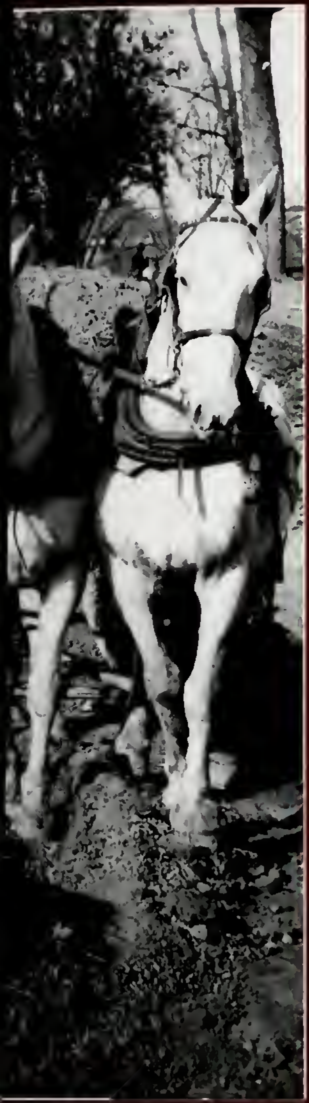
Far left: The Roark Building was erected in 1909 and named after EKSN's first president, Rurik Nevel Roark.
Left: This 1911 photo shows University Drive before it was paved.

1925

Left: EKSN's first graduating class stands in front of the University Building in 1909. Pictured are Simon B. Chandler, C.H. Gifford, J.C. Jones, D.H. Starnes, H.L. Davis, Elizabeth Morgan, Cam S. Holbrook, Leslie Anderson, Ila Pettus and O.B. Fallis. Above: A class practices calisthenics in 1922 in front of the Cammack Building on University Drive.

Right: Whoa Mule! These mules were used to break ground for an addition onto the Crabbe Library in 1930.
Below: The Ravine's stage and seating were built in 1935. The layout of the Ravine was designed by the famous landscapers, the Olmstead Brothers. The company was owned by two brothers, whose father had created the nation's first landscape company. That same company designed Central Park in New York City, the White House Grounds, Cherokee Park in Louisville and other famous parks and universities across the United States.

1926

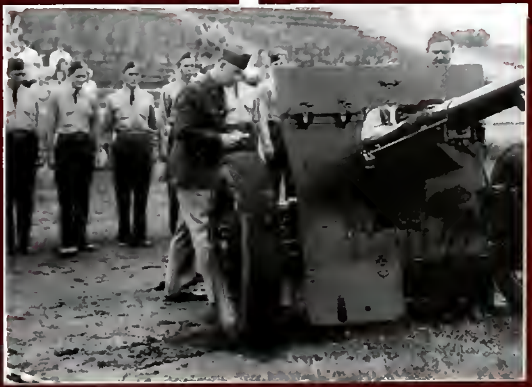


Eastern's clout as an educational facility grew in 1928 when EKSN was accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. And, in 1935, a graduate program in education was started. Sports also continued to expand with the introduction of lacrosse in 1929. However, the Great Depression hit the school hard, resulting in many Eastern professors not receiving pay for their work.

The Ravine Amphitheatre was built in 1936, making the Ravine the site of the summer commencement exercises. The Eastern Maroons football team had its first undefeated football season in 1940. The Keen Johnson Building was also completed that year. But in the years that followed 1940, the school almost shut down due to World War II. In 1943, Eastern's enrollment only totaled 270 individuals.

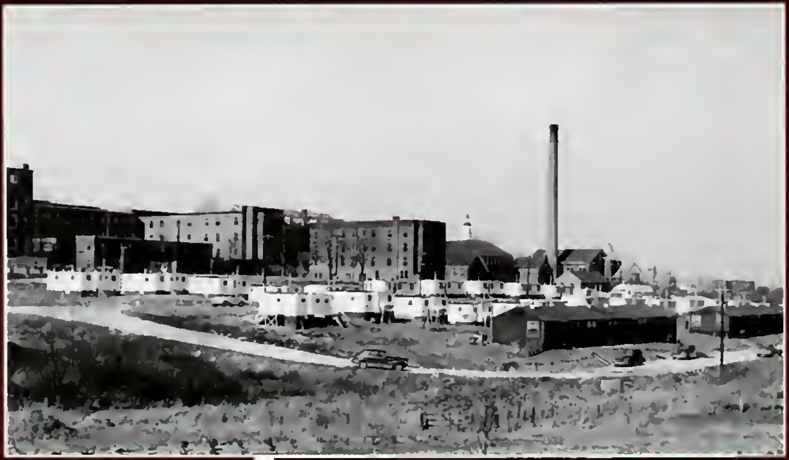
Left: Along with the men training for World War II, women also did the same at Eastern. This 1945 photo shows Eastern's women's pistol team training.

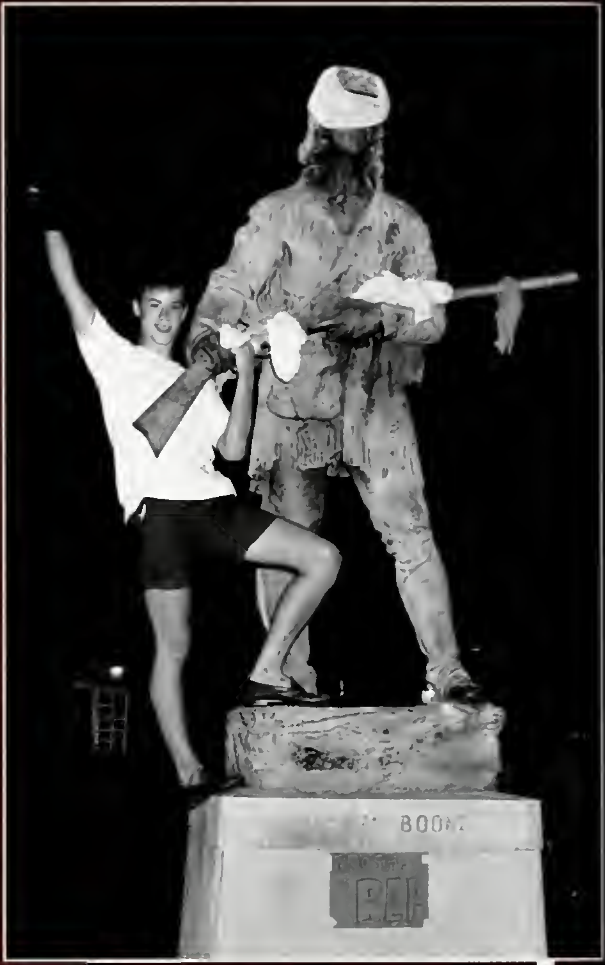
1945



Far Left: The Weaver Gymnasium was built in 1930. Left: The Keen Johnson cornerstone was placed in 1939. Above: Eastern's Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC) was established in 1936. This photo was taken at Hanger Stadium in 1939. Hanger Stadium was located where the Powell Building and its courtyard stand today.

Far right: Arlington was donated to Eastern in 1967. The mansion now stands central in a golf course. Right: Daniel Boone, added to campus in 1967, and his accomplice celebrated a successful panty raid in 1969. Below: Veterans Village was created to house the hundreds of returning GIs who enrolled after the war.





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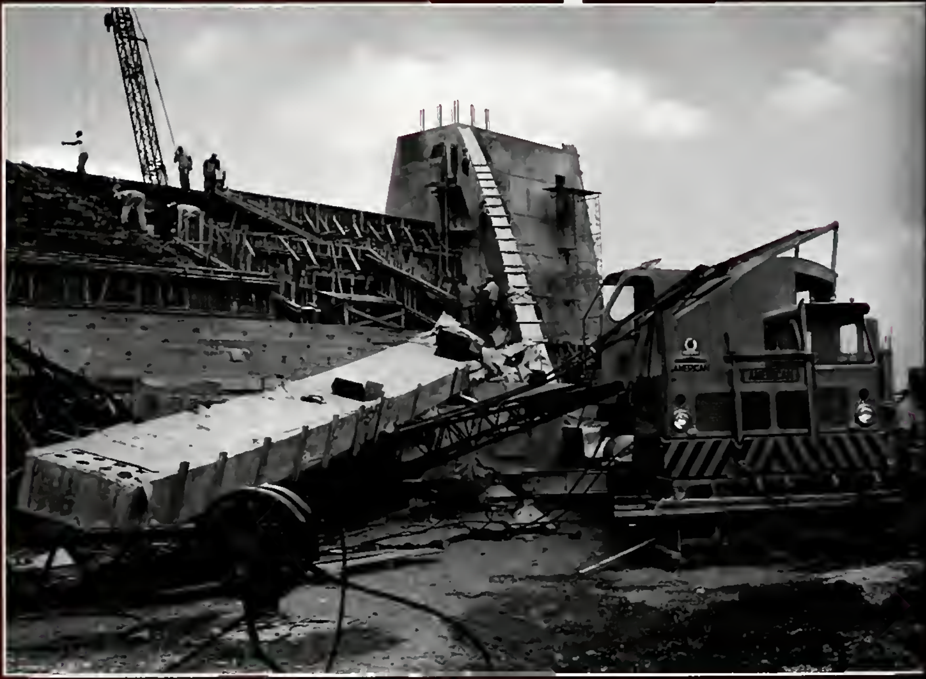

Left: James Van Peursem pets Mozart, the campus dog. Mozart was the favorite campus pet during the 1950s and 1960s; so much so that he was considered the campus mascot. Mozart is buried in the Ravine behind the stage and pavilion. Above: Alumni Coliseum was built in 1963. During its construction, the main beams supporting the wooden ceiling fell. The accident injured several workers.

1975

After the war was over, many veterans returned stateside and the GI Bill offered them a chance for an education. In 1946, enrollment had increased to more than 1,000, with 80 percent of the male population being veterans. Eastern's track team had its first undefeated season in 1951. Student government started in 1954 and is still one of the largest student organizations on campus.

Integration on Eastern's campus occurred in the mid-'50's when a local high school teacher enrolled to receive a graduate degree in education. President Robert R. Martin started one of the college's largest expansion periods in the 1960's. Twelve dormitories and many classroom buildings, natural areas and athletic structures were built during that time. One of Eastern's saddest moments happened in 1964 with the death of Mozart, the dog. And 1964 was the first year the Colonel was seen on campus, too.

An Eastern tradition was started in 1967 with the construction of one of the most memorable monuments on Eastern. The Daniel Boone statue was erected in 1967 and students still rub his gleaming toe for good luck. Seven years later, two more statues were added, the "Naked Man" in front of Powell and the "Mounted Officer" in front of the Stratton Building. This decade probably saw the most important change in Eastern's existence. In 1966, Eastern Kentucky State College became Eastern Kentucky University and was permitted to award non-education-oriented graduate degrees for the first time.

Right: This 1977 photo shows a student doing fire training excerises. Below: These police officers-in-training get first-hand firearm experience at the shooting range in 1976.

1976

THOMAS AND HAZEL LITTLE BUILDING

Above: The Crabbe Library received another add-on in 1992. The addition connected the University Building to the library. Right: Tailgating came of age in the 1990s and 2000s. These students enjoyed some fun and sun before a football game in 1998.

Below: The newest building at the extended campus in Corbin was created in 2004. Corbin is the largest of the extended campuses, offering both undergraduate and graduate classes.

2006

In 1976, Julius C. Powell succeeded President Robert Martin. Powell, like his predecessor, was interested in keeping the campus growing. It was during this decade of Eastern's existence that two of its greatest educational programs started to grow and flourish into the nationally recognized fire science and criminal justice programs they are today.

In 1985, Eastern's enrollment surpassed 16,000. By 1992, the University Building was adjoined to the Crabbe Library. Also, the Dizney Building and the Funderburk Building were completed in the '90s. Eastern expanded its reach across the state by opening extended campuses in a number of locations also.

By 1998, more than 75,000 people had graduated from the university. Eastern is now the state's fourth largest school with a total enrollment of about 16,000. Eastern now serves mostly Kentucky natives, but large populations of students from Ohio, Virginia and other neighboring states attend Eastern. In 2002, a campus reorganization occurred with the opening of the Student Services Building. The SSB pulled many different student-oriented departments into one building, making student life easier. In its centennial year, Eastern opened the doors on the first phase of the Business and Technology Center, proving that Eastern will continue to grow in the years to come.

We three presidents

The world kept turning as The Milestone press stood still. Eight years of life happened. Good or bad, big or small, everyone at Eastern has been affected by the events that happened in the eight years we missed. With grace and courage, the students, faculty and staff have overcome the obstacles and celebrated progress.

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President Robert Kustra

Dr. Robert Walter Kustra was chosen as the ninth president of Eastern. With an urban background and an education in political science, Kustra was looking for change.

During Kustra's term, the nine colleges were merged into five and the First Weekend programs were implemented to decrease the suitcase college image.

Kustra worked to improve the athletics program and combine all student-related services under the same roof.

However, Eastern fell into debt.

Kustra's contract was bought out by Eastern's Board of Regents in June 2001, a year before it was supposed to end.

Above: Former Eastern president Robert Kustra helped create the First Weekend program. Right: Former Eastern president Joanne Glasser shakes hands with a student at the annual picnic. Far right top: Glasser serves soup at a charity event. Far right bottom: Eastern president Doug Whitlock speaks at his inauguration in late April.

President Joanne Glasser

On Oct. 29, 2001, Joanne K. Glasser became the 10th, and first female, president of Eastern.

Glasser, who believed in the university's rich heritage and traditions, vowed Eastern would remain a student-centered institution. From this sprang the famous quotation, "Where students come first."

The Joanne K. Glasser Diversity Award, a $500 renewable scholarship, was also given for the first time to highlight the importance of diversity on campus. By being visible and accessible on campus, in the community and in the capital, Glasser was able to produce a respectable capital campaign for Eastern.

Glasser pushed for increased service, higher support, better facilities, up-to-date technology, a positive reputation and scholarship. Although tuition increased during her term, so did student enrollment. She helped pull the university out of debt and made The Campus Beautiful shine again.

President Doug Whitlock

After furthering his education, serving the Madison County community on several boards and retiring, Doug Whitlock returned to the university he once called home.

Whitlock, who graduated twice from Eastern, earning two bachelor's degrees and a master's degree in history, held administrative positions for 35 years. After serving as interim from August through October, Whitlock became Eastern's 11th president.

Whitlock stepped forward to lead the university for the first time as president, saying, "I promise I won't let you down."

touched by tragedy

Gulfport, Miss.

9-11 and the Iraq War:

On Sept. 11, life at Eastern, as well as the nation, stood still while students, faculty and staff watched the day's events unfold. Nearly 3,000 people died in the terrorist attack.

The counseling center and other services made efforts to calms students' fears. Many at Eastern participated in vigils and memorial services, including a Day of Remembrance and Reflection vigil, to help in the healing process.

An estimated 400 students have been called from their studies to defend the country. In response to that, the Board of Regents approved a total refund for all students called into active duty.

Hurricane Katrina:

Several groups of Eastern students traveled to New Orleans and participated in the rebuilding efforts or gathered money for supplies to be sent there. Many of the residence halls participated in fundraisers called penny wars, a competition to find out which floor could gather the most spare change.

The university also offered enrollment and housing for students displaced by the hurricane and the flooding; Eastern wanted them to know they had a school here, if they wished to come. Four students found their way to Richmond and were provided with free housing and tuition.

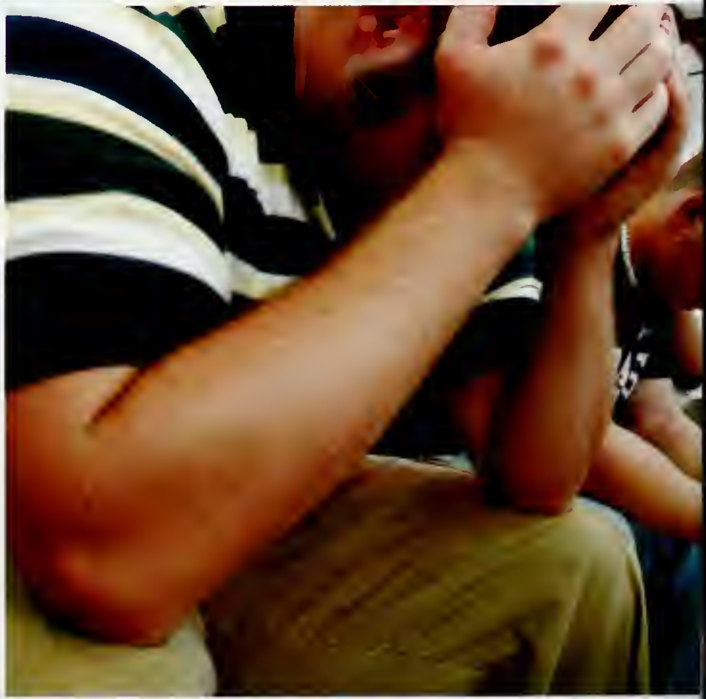
The Baptist Student Union took an old church and made it into a shelter, able to house many of the displaced who traveled to Richmond.

The Virginia Tech shooting:

The tragedy that left the nation, and campuses, hurt and confused, forced Eastern to look at its own security and emergency response system. Eastern needed more than the security measures already in place, which included an identification system and card access at residence halls, cadet patrol beats on campus and a shuttle bus.

Students can now receive text messages in times of emergency. The service will send a message to a student's phone explaining the emergency and what to do. Eastern already runs announcements across the screens on the TVs in buildings on campus and a voice message is also sent to all campus phones. The Madison County early warning system was brought onto campus, with the ability to tailor messages and broadcast announcements only to campus. About 20 call boxes were replaced and an additional 14 were placed on the smoking shacks around campus. A new fully-digital camera system was installed at the front desk in residence halls.

Sept. 11 Memorial



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BASEBALL

Gulfport, Miss.

Eastern students, staff and faculty were all affected by the many different national tragedies. Eastern prayed, weeped, and operated as a community willing to extend help where needed.

Above and left: Students visited Gulfport, Miss. to repair buildings destroyed by Hurricane Katrina.

Far left and middle: Students on campus reflected on the lives lost on September 11th by placing American flags in the ravine. Others prayed for those affected by the tragedy at the September 11th memorial.

> "Roy is one of the best coaches in the history of the sport..."
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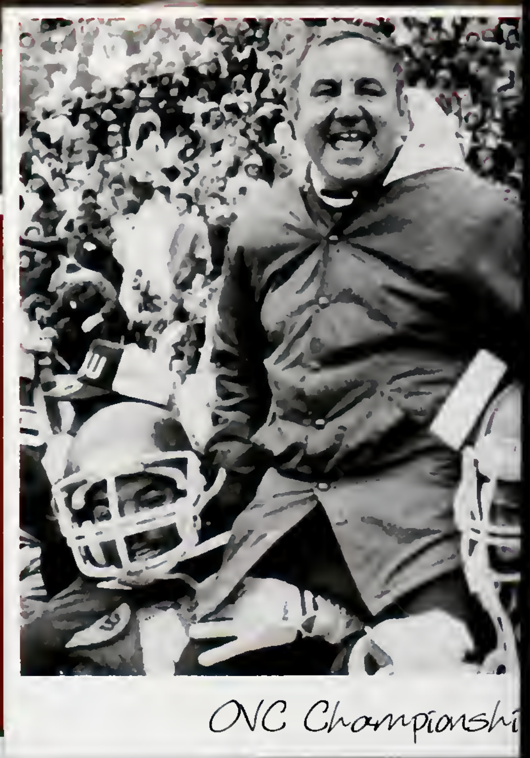
> David Cawood, former Kidd aide and assistant executive director of the NCAA

Coach Roy Kidd



OVC Championshi

Championships of the past

Eastern athletics continued a tradition in excellence with these OVC championships

1999

Men and women's cross country, indoor and outdoor women's track

2002

Women's cross country, and softball

2003

Women's cross country

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▶▶ *After [illegible] years, 16 OVC championships, 316 wins and two NCAA championships, football Head Coach Roy Kidd hangs his hat*

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Coach Kidd breathed tradition and [illegible] one.

But in 2002, he said goodbye [illegible] Richmond and serves [illegible]

2004
Men's cross country, softball and volleyball

2005
Men and women's basketball

2006
Men and women's cross country, men's golf

2007
Men's basketball, men and women's cross country and football

Centennial Gala

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A celebration of excellence

The 2006 school year at Eastern was filled with excitement and celebration. In that year, Eastern celebrated 100 years of excellence with its centennial theme: A Century of Opportunity.

In September 2005, a formal gala attended by alumni, friends and donors of the university, held at the new Fitness and Wellness Center, kicked off the year of festivities and the universitys $25 million Capital Campaign Moving Forward Together.

Historical interpretive plaques were commissioned and placed around campus to explain the history of the school and the area. They can be seen standing next to the Blanton House (the president's house), in front of the Ravine, at Keen Johnson Building, the Coates Administrative Building and in front of the Stratton Building.

Members of the centennial committee felt there was a great need to preserve the history and traditions of Eastern, said Marc Whitt, university spokesperson and member of the committee. Many people walk back and forth across campus and don't understand the historical significance of an area or building.

Dr. Richard Crosby, a professor of music at Eastern, composed a musical piece for the centennial celebration titled 'Appalachian Variations Op. 2', commissioned by the College of Arts and Sciences. The piece premiered in March 2006 and was performed by the EKU Symphonic Band.

March also saw the unveiling of Eastern's Centennial Ring.

Also for the centennial, Eastern's Board of Reagents and President Joanne Glasser traveled to Frankfort in January 2006 and stood on the floor of the State House of Representatives and the State Senate for the reading of joint proclamations.

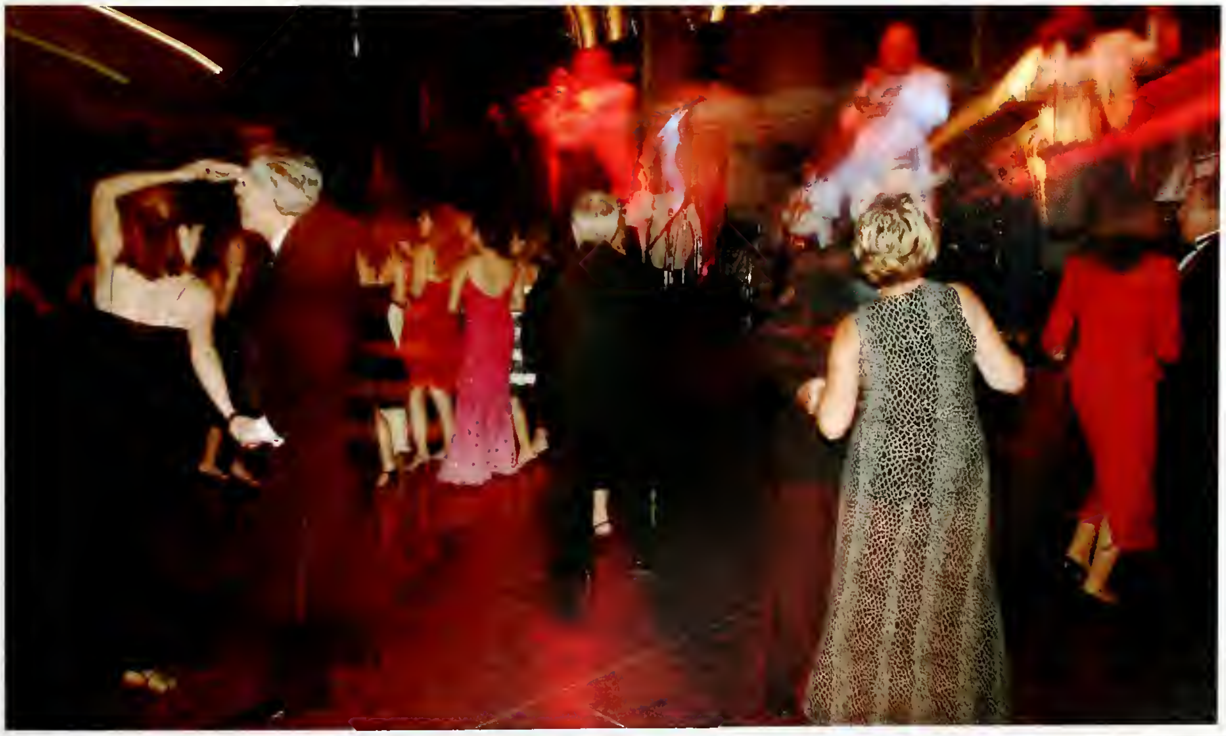
Afterwards, Gov. Fletcher and the Kentucky General Assembly hosted a reception honoring Eastern and the Board of Regents.

The College of Education, which was also celebrating its 100th year, had a large birthday cake served outside the Powell Building. Any faculty involved in the celebration and the serving of the cake wore period costumes.

Many departments at Eastern sponsored activities that tied into the centennial celebration.

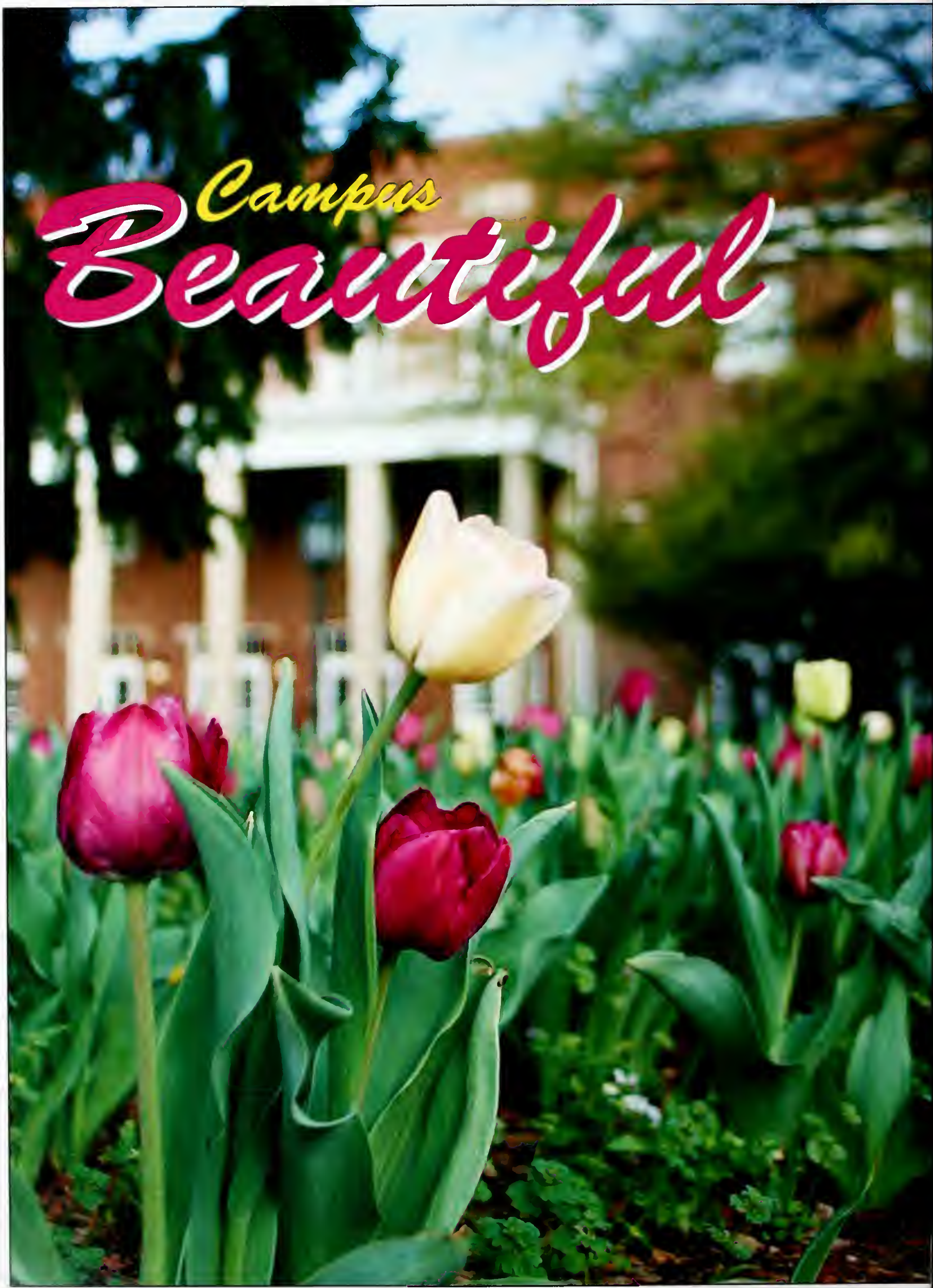
Musical events, guest lecturers, the Chautauqua lecture series, Homecoming, the dedication of the Athletic Hall of Fame and the re-dedication of the Keen Johnson Building were all part of the year-long festivities.

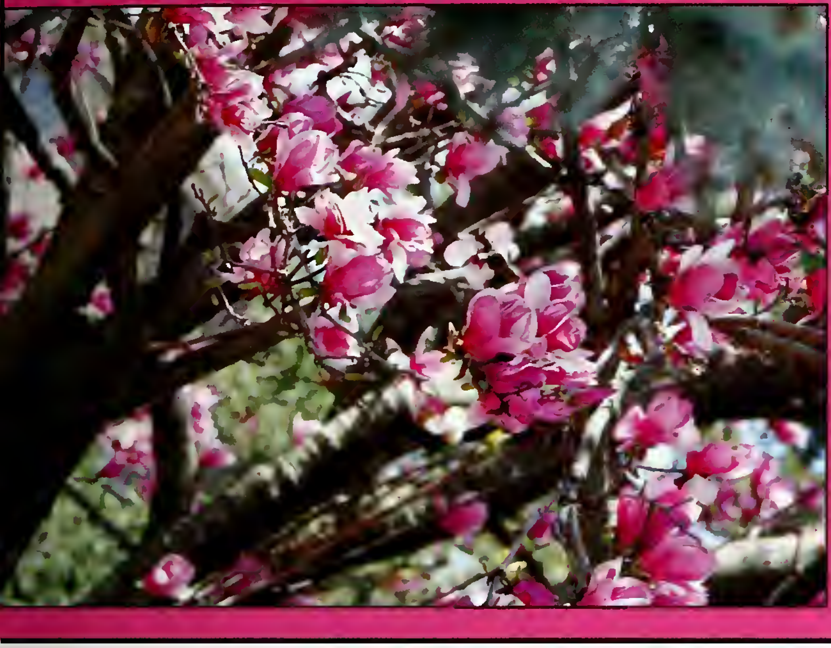
Eastern's goal during the centennial was embracing the century, sharing the history and looking toward the future because you never know where youre going, unless you know where you've been.



Far left top: Tables line up in the auxiliary gym in Alumni Coliseum.
Far left middle: Well-dressed attendees dance the night away.
Far left bottom: Attendees were also treated to dinner at the Centennial Gala.
Left: Former president Joanne Glasser addresses the guests.
Above: A couple swings on the dance floor.

Campus Beautiful





Opposite page: Tulips grow near an evergreen tree in front of Burnam Hall.
Far left: A dogwood tree blooms on campus.
Left: Eastern's campus has a wide variety of trees.

As early as 1917, students have noticed that there is something about Eastern's campus that sets it apart from others.

There is beauty here - the kind of beauty that can't be grown in a day. It's long-term, carefully-planned beauty that, over the years, has become as much a part of the campus as the Daniel Boone statue or the Powell Building.

Campus wasn't always as beautiful as it is today, though. It took the help of famous landscaping architects John Charles Olmstead and his step-brother Frederick Law Olmstead Jr.

To make campus green, friendly and inviting, the brothers worked on and completed many high-profile projects such as park systems, universities, exposition grounds and state capitols.

They were instrumental in creating the National Parks Service and were founding members of the American Society of Landscape Architects. Some landscaping commissions they completed include New York's Central Park, the U.S. Capitol and White House grounds, and the Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

However, campus is not just about the natural beauty provided by long-standing oaks and multi-colored tulips.

There is beauty in the historical architecture of campus that gives it the feeling of sage wisdom and pure academia.

The buildings on Eastern's campus provide a touch of the past, a link to the history of this campus that keep students in tune with the many young people just like them that passed through the halls of buildings like Sullivan, Keene Johnson and the University Building.

There is beauty in that knowledge, just as there is beauty in the buildings that tower over students and provide them with a sense of comfort. These buildings have become synonymous with Eastern's campus and were designed by the Weber firm of Fort Wright, Ky. They were designed in a classical revival style until after World War II.

It was in 1917, when all of this architecture and landscaping began, that the term "The Campus Beautiful" was first used to describe the aesthetic beauty of Eastern.

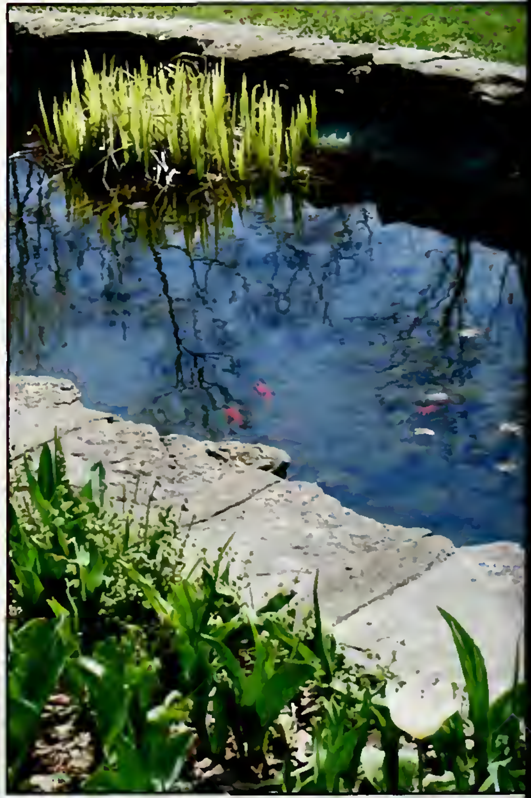
The term holds true to this day. The campus is filled with color year-round. Color of leaves transformed with the hues of fall, the shades of red, orange and yellow that shine like a stained glass window allowing their tinted sunlight to pass through onto students making their way to class.

Subdued grays and whites of winter make campus contemplative and, somehow, they make it feel warm even though the cold outside penetrates the skin.

When spring arrives, it carries with it hundreds of shades of green, pinks and purples, reds and yellows - it brings life and vibrance back to campus after the cold of winter.

Looking at all this overwhelming beauty makes it easy to see why Eastern truly is, and always will be, The Campus Beautiful.

Left: Students walk past the University Building in the center of campus. Below: James Cornett is the foreman of the crew in charge of all the flower beds on campus. He is returing this year after 20 years of caring for the campus beautiful.



Left: Students bear the cold in the snow-covered Ravine. Above: Petals float on top of the pond in the Ravine. Right: Autumn changes the leaves of the trees in the Ravine

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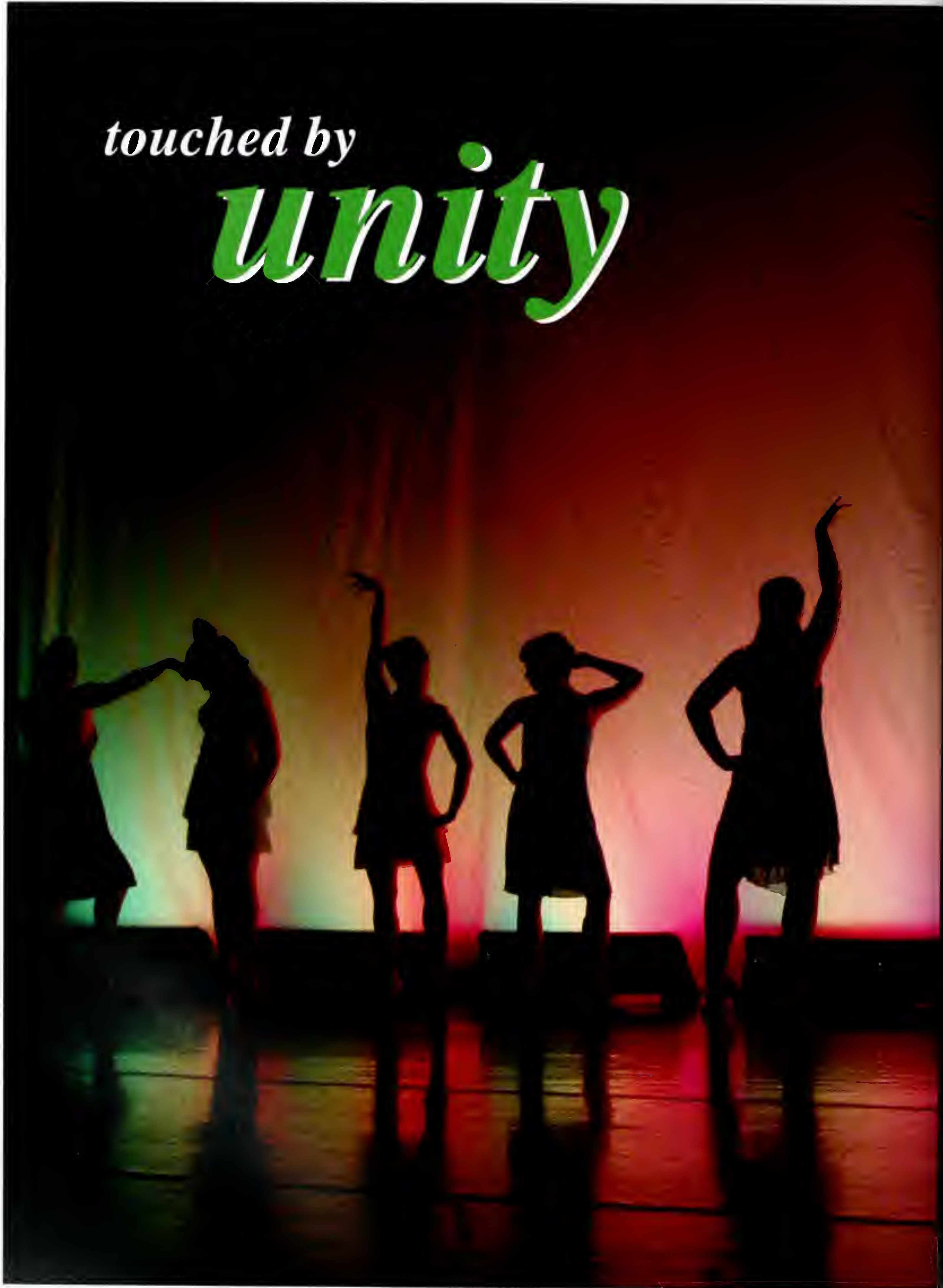

What makes one's college experience one to ***remember***?

Regardless of what some scholars may say, it's not the classes you take, the professors who make you more ***knowledgable***, or the GPA you graduate with.

No, the most important factors that go into having an incredible college experience is getting ***involved*** in something and creating unbreakable ***friendships***.

At Eastern, this is easy to do since there is ***always*** something going on and always friendly people by your side.

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Putting on the *warpaint*

COLONEL

Go to a Colonel's basketball game and you can't help but see it: dozens of Eastern students covered head to toe in war paint screaming at the top of their lungs in support of their beloved team.

To some, this image conjures thoughts of fanatical devotion or college craziness.

But this year, the sight may have been associated with a new word: philanthropy.

The Colonel Spirit Challenge was held for all registered student organizations across campus.

"The Spirit Challenge is an effort by several school departments to get people out to support the men and womens basketball teams," said Alban Holyoke, the student government association chief of staff.

"The winner is decided by a points system," Holyoke said.

Organizations receive points for their attendance record, but are also subjectively judged on their outfits and presence in the crowd. The points are compiled at the end of the basketball season, he added.

Students discussed their strategies for winning the grand prize.

"You've got to be a force to be reckoned with," said 21-year-old Sigma Nu member Alex Combs, a political science and philosophy major from Eaton, Ohio.

"Heckling the other team is great because presence is more important than appearance," Combs said.

In the past, students have worn maroon wigs and other bizarre hairstyles, painted their bodies maroon, and spray painted their hair.

"For a football game last season, I painted half my body maroon. That's within the rules," Holyoke said.

"Students should use good judgment with their attire," Holyoke said.

While nudity is definitely too far, partial nudity is not too far.

"Partial nudity is acceptable as long as its tasteful," Holyoke said.

"Students should root for the Colonels while being respectful of the other team. Anything that supports Eastern without degrading the other team is sought after," Holyoke said.

When asked how they prepare for the big games, students joked about their approach.

"Personally, I watch the Rocky 4 montage, do 10 pushups, and drink a protein shake," Combs said.

Combs also joked that he planned to win the grand prize by preventing other organizations from hearing about the competition or

getting to the games.

One student even requested that he be referred to as Thomas "Showtime" Johnson, a 26-year-old Sigma Nu member from Richmond majoring in communications studies. Johnson said his pre-game ritual involves a shower, food and getting pumped up by listening to the iPod.

Student organizations were encouraged to come in large numbers by SGA.

"I get as many people as I can by recruiting," 'Showtime' Johnson said.

Still, others who registered for the Spirit Challenge said the competition isn't the only reason to pack into McBrayer Arena.

"I come because I like to watch the games," said 18-year-old Kristin English, a nursing major from Cincinnati. "With recruiting coming up, we want to get our name out and show that we do things together."

The Spirit Challenge will award a total of $2,950 to be divided among the winning student organizations. Student organizations that are registered on campus are eligible to compete and may sign up during select games at the desk located behind the student section on the west side of the basketball gym.

"The first place prize winner receives $1,000, but up to 11 organizations could win a prize. The second place winner receives $500; third receives $400; fourth receives $350, and up to seven organizations receive fifth place winnings of $100," Holyoke said.

This year, Sigma Nu received first place. Beta Theta Pi won second place and Phi Mu Alpha won third. Alumni Ambassadors took fourth place and the seven fifth place winners are as follows: Chi Omega, Kappa Alpha Theta, Campus Crusade, Alpha Omicron Pi, Phi Kappa Tau, Phi Delta Theta and Alpha Delta Pi.

"This money isn't the only reason to come to a Colonel's basketball game," said David Fifer, the student body president. "We're just trying to sweeten the deal a little bit."

The Spirit Challenge is funded by the Student Government Association, Student Affairs, the president's office, and the athletics department.

"The money is going to good use because it is being given back to students while encouraging them to support the team at the same time," Holyoke said.

Top: Student Activities Council Vice President candidates Joseph Knuckles and Meagan Verbillion listen as Brandon Burtner, another candidate, argues his point at the SGA debates.
Above: Lindsey Cross, the executive vice president of SGA, and her running mate, SGA President Alex Combs, ran unopposed this year.
Left: Residence Life Council candidate David Anderson speaks his mind while opponet Sara Spurr looks on.

SGA gets political

Like any good student government, EKU's Student Government Association strives to be a government of the people, by the people and for the people. But, according to new Student Body President Alex Combs, both the SGA and the Student Activities Council have one big problem: a lack of student interest.

This became apparent following the SGA elections. Only about 2,700 of the more than 16,000 eligible Eastern students voted online for student senate positions, the race with the highest voter turnout. Each of the executive position races in student government received less than half that number of total votes, and the student body presidential race received fewer than 1,000 votes.

It was a lower than expected turnout, but equally disappointing to SGA members was the lack of student interest in running for the positions. The positions were open to all applicants, but only three candidates ran for vice president of Student Activities Council, the most contested race. Only two candidates ran for vice president for Residence Life, and Alex Combs and Lindsey Cross ran unopposed for student body president and executive body president, respectively.

"The crisis of participation on both ends of student government is its own worst enemy," said David Anderson, a sophomore political science major from Richmond.

Anderson said that students dont get involved because they dont think SGA has power, but that SGA will lack power until students gets involved. Anderson is an active member of SGA and was one of the candidates for vice president of Residence Life on this years ballot.

"If enough students really came together, the university would take notice," Anderson said. "But (students are) too busy to begin with."

He said he wished students would be more proactive.

Amber Ungaro, an SGA senator and representative for the College of Business and Technology, agreed.

"Students are really good at apathy," Ungaro said. "There are lots of complaints, but nobody does anything. They think that they can't change anything because they're students."

Ungaro hit the nail on the head, according to sophomore physics major Alex Henegar.

Henegar said he feels the issues worth solving are too big for SGA to solve.

"SGA can't solve parking or class scheduling. It's not really up to them," he said.

Henegar said he didn't vote in this year's elections.

Another impediment to student involvement is the sense of disconnect between students and the SGA. Henegar said he wasnt aware that SGA meetings were open to students and knew nothing of the elections until the day of.

Anderson acknowledged the awareness issue and said it was a major contributor to SGAs participation problem.

"Not enough people knew an election was going on," he said. "One thing they should definitely look at next year is public relations."

Both Ungaro and Anderson said that it was difficult to find the online voting link on the EKU homepage, and that they would like that to change next year.

"I almost didnt even vote for myself because I couldnt find the link," Ungaro said.

Anderson also said that students who entertain coming to the weekly meetings to voice their opinions feel intimidated. He said the feeling is natural, and added that SGA is much friendlier than people think.

"We're just ordinary college kids," Anderson said. "And I think sometimes people lose sight of that."

Still, Ungaro admitted she can't force unwilling students to do much, nor does she want to.

"I think a lot of people just don't care," she said. "And you just have to cater towards the ones that do."

Fit for a president

Above: Dewey Cole and Rachel Romance slow dance.

Above: An Eastern student shows others how to do the twist.

Above: An Eastern student breaks it down at the President's Ball this year.

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►► *President's Ball gave students "A Night of Royal Luxury"*

Glamour, formal wear, and copious amounts of glitter are three items Eastern students look forward to each year.

For what occasion? The annual President's Ball, of course.

This year, students attended the regal event in full force, rivaling attendance at previous President's balls.

"There were a lot of people there," said Joseph Knuckles, a junior public relations and social work major from Berea. "It's like one big dance for everyone at Eastern to get down and boogie."

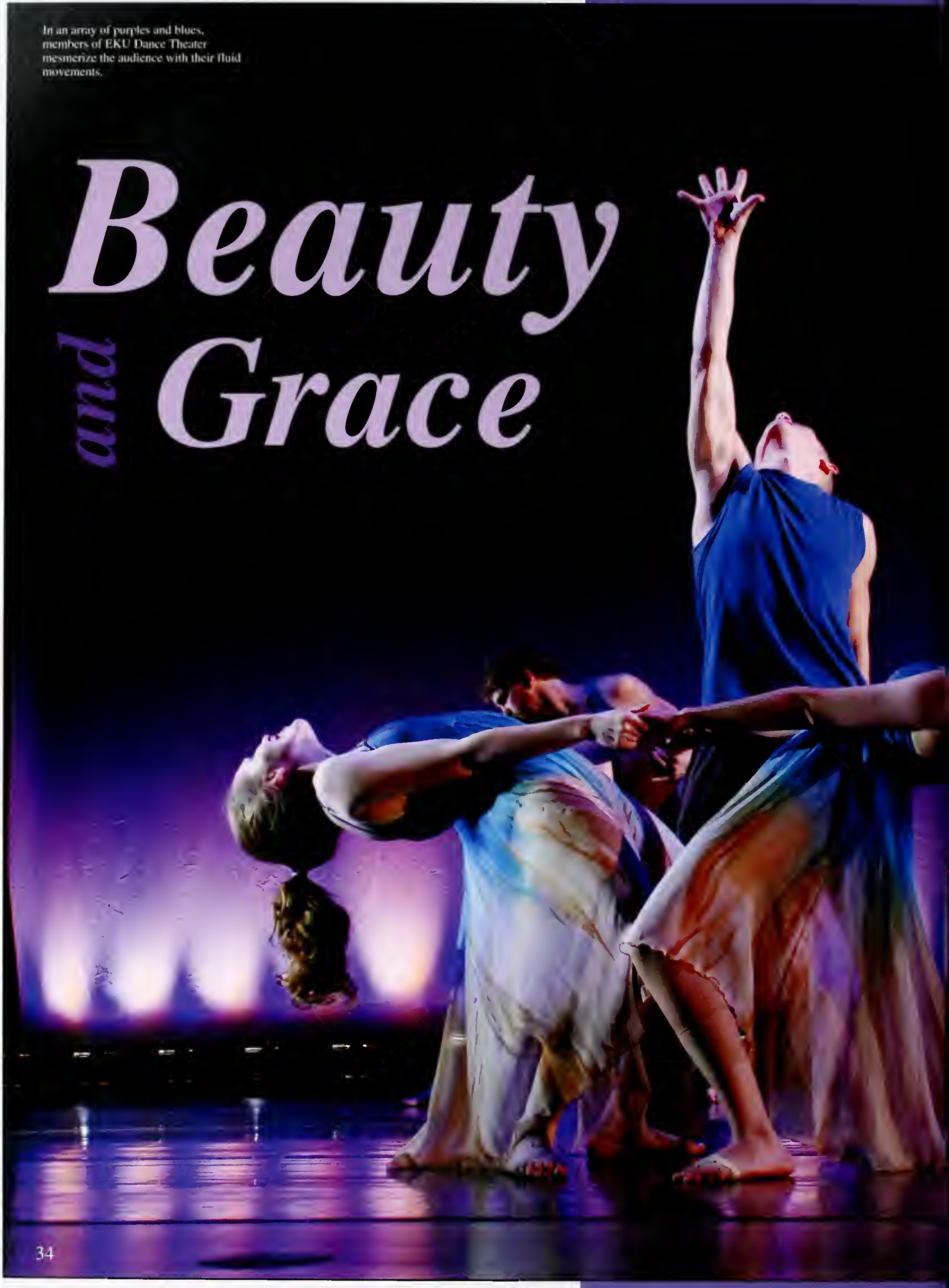
Eastern held the event at the Keen Johnson Ballroom on February 8, 2008. It was the ball's seventh year and this year's theme was A Night of Royal Luxury.

Keen Johnson looked amazing, Knuckles said. There were lots of trees, lights, and oriental items to make it feel like India.

Tickets were $5 for students and $10 for faculty and staff. All benefits went to the Dr. Thomas Myers SGA Scholarship Fund.

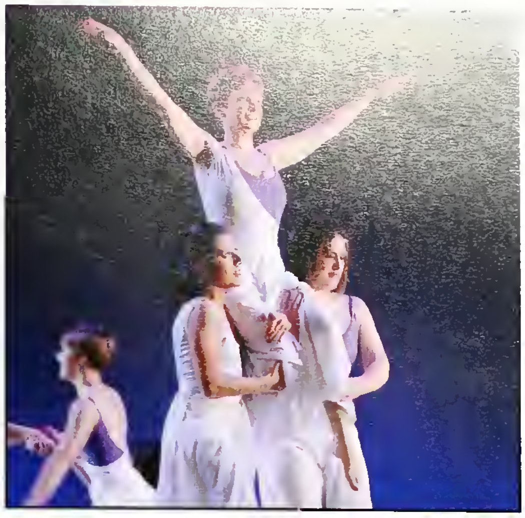
"The President's Ball was worth the money," Knuckles said. "It was a cheap price for an amazing time. And all the money goes toward a scholarship. The president's ball was fantastic this year. I really believe the students enjoyed themselves."

Beauty and Grace



In an array of purples and blues, members of EKU Dance Theater mesmerize the audience with their fluid movements.

Fall 2007 Dance Theater



Left: Dancers reach to the sky in the piece "Surmountable Possibilities," choreographed by Lauren Richardson.
Above: Marianne McAdam, the director of dance theater, takes part in her self-choreographed piece, "Indian Rhapsody."
Below: Students dance to a percussion ensemble in "Rhythmic Alliance."

Many people think they can dance, but the members of EKU Dance Theater *know* they can dance.

Dancers amazed the audience as they swirled, jumped and twisted their bodies to the music during their fall performance in O'Donnell Auditorium.

Anyone can participate in Dance Theater, not just dance minors. With anywhere from 40 to 60 dancers each semester, the troupe can feel like family and help students to feel connected to campus.

"It's an expressive outlet and a great way to show who [the students] really are," said director Marianne McAdam. All the dances are choreographed by either the students or McAdam.

Students practiced all semester, but tragedy struck the weekend before the performances. Junior Choreographer and dancer Eric Highfield was injured in a car accident and was unable to perform the following weekend.

The troupe's president, Abby Day, called her brother Paul to fill in on some of the dances while Jesse Meiers and Jessica Hart filled in on others. Day's sister even helped out by writing and singing the music to a dance Day choreographed.

"At the last minute people jumped in, learned the dances and really helped out," McAdam said.

The performance featured 11 dance pieces, with clogging, the Waltz, Capoeira, modern, and jazz. Nearly 1,800 people attended the performances during the four-day run.

"We are the dancers.. create the dreams."

Come spring time, Dance Theater is a huge hit at Eastern and even visitors from outside of campus are found in attendance as well.

The dancers' hard work pays off well, as can be seen by the number of ticket sales each semester.

Tryouts to perform in Dance Theater are open to any student of any major and the performances provide a large variety of musical arts to attract all persons. Once an audience member has attended one performance, they're likely to not miss the next.

Jackie Lazaro, a senior, has been to seven performances and said she will miss them after she graduates. Lazaro attended this past spring performance of 2008 because "I heard it was amazing. And also, I needed a stress reliever."

These performances are perfect for just that need. There is such a variety in the acts that it keeps the audiences mind off of everything they have to do at the theater's end. The song and dance that meant the most to Lazaro was "Always and Forever," which was choreographed by Jessica Hart.

"It meant the most to me because as a senior I'll be leaving Eastern and all of my friends, and we're all going out separate ways, Lazaro said.

Andrena Maria Ballard, a junior, is also a big fan and supporter of Dance Theater, but used to be the dancer's stage manager for three and a half years. She said she really loved it. She has attended six performances.

"The clogging is always great," Ballard said. "There are always great pieces and I love to see what the choreographers create."

Ballard gives three reasons that should encourage students to attend the upcoming Dance Theater performances: It encompasses wonderful creativity, it's always a surprise, including some sometimes crazy pieces, and the dancers are great people.

Almost everyone who attends Dance Theater returns. So don't miss the opportunity for some great entertainment.

Above: Dancers purposefully and gracefully position their bodies during a piece entitled "Extending," choreographed by Kindra Spurlock.

ove: The men and women of Dance Theater come together for a lish performance set to the popular song *Apologize* in the piece "No mpathy," choreographed by Eric Highfield.

Above: Performers get the chance to show off their moves in the modern dance piece "Ghet lo'," choreographed by Abby Day and Eric Highfield.

Spring 2008 Dance Theater

[illegible] potential suitor. Right: Katherine refuses to listen to what Petruchio, her suitor, has to say. Far right: Townspeople joke about Katherine and her hard-headed attitude.

Taming of the Shrew

The cast of *The Taming of the Shrew* pose while standing on their set.

> **"Well, well see't. Come, madam wife, sit by my side, and let the world slip, we shall ne'er be younger ..."**
>
> - Sly

The Shakespeare classic, *The Taming of the Shrew*, was presented at the Gifford Theatre between February 27 and March 1.The production was performed by actors in the Theatre Department and was directed by Professor Jeffery Boord-Dill.

The actors performed their roles in an exemplary manner, with the assistance of expertly-created costumes and a set that took you back to the time period. The performance left many in the audience in laughter and tears, because of the comedic nature of the story. Everyone that attended seemed to walk away pleased at what they had witnessed.

The play's storyline is a classic battle of the sexes as it relates to finding a mate. A father is trying to find husbands for his two daughters, however one is a bit headstrong, while the other is demure. Ashley Hail performed an outstanding version of Katherine, the Shrew, which included physical as well as verbal abuse to her suitor, Petruchio.

Laughter often filled the audience as Katherine hit other characters.

These physical aspects were well choreographed, and all the movements of the struggles and fights and playful hitting were perfectly planned out and executed.

By the end of the play, Petruchio had tamed Katherine. This was evident, when at a banquet, Katherine responded to her hushands orders immediately.

But her sister Bianca refused to obey her husband Lucentio.

Chuck Ingram, a radio announcer from Cincinnati said, "I loved it."

Two students from Eastern had similar responses.

"The physical comedy was great-very well performed," said Tim Kaymer, a senior art student from Somerset.

Paul Robertson, a senior from Louisville said, "Ashley (Hail) was outstanding. They were all funny, but Ashley was amazing."

Over the course of the 2007-2008 academic year, *The Taming of the Shrew* was one of four plays and a single musical that was performed by the Theatre Department.

Oh, the *games* we play...

Nick Barlage sighed as the cartoon-like commando he controlled exploded on his television screen. When his character came back to life a few seconds later, Barlage's fingers sprang back into action on his controller and his eyes became glued to the screen once more.

Focusing on the game was easy for Barlage; not only was he having fun, but he knew that two guys across the hall were counting on him.

Such camaraderie is typical when playing video games online these days. Most new video game consoles have the ability to connect players to each other using the same means that PC gamers have used for nearly two decades: the Internet.

Using the Internet, gamers from all over the world get together in global matches where they can either team up or square off against each other in a variety of different video games.

The social implications of the emerging online gaming industry are mind-blowing. Popular servers share some of the same features as networking sites like Facebook, such as a buddy list and the ability to message other gamers or invite them to your game.

Microphone headsets not only allow players to communicate, strategize and play more effectively as a team in the game, but also let them catch up and chat with their buddies in real life.

This technology is changing the way students spend their free time and, like cell phones or instant messenger, no longer requires students to be in the same room while hanging out.

Some students, like Barlage, choose to play specific types of games based on their long-distance multiplayer capabilities. Barlage said he prefers first-person shooter games because "they tend to be multiplayer, and that lets me play with my friends that are here and the ones back home."

To students like David Anderson, a sophomore political science major from Richmond, video games are as big a part of social networking as pick-up sports games or instant messenger.

"[Playing games] gives me the best chance to catch up with my friends and connect with them in ways that I can't while just sitting in a classroom or randomly chatting on instant messenger," Anderson said.

Dorms on Eastern's campus took notice and have begun hosting many types of video game tournaments for residents, including some for science-fiction shooter games like *Halo* or *Gears of War*. The newest gaming craze is the wildly popular rhythm game *Guitar Hero*, but more traditional tournaments centered on sports games like *Madden* football are also prominent.

Chris Wright, a senior resident adviser in Sullivan Hall, recalls hosting a *Madden* tournament last year.

"It went over really well," Wright said. "We usually had to offer prizes to get people to come to events, but [the students] were so into it that pride was enough for this one."

Wright added that while it wasn't the most educational event, the social benefits were equally important.

"It opens things up to where everyone can play with each other instead of just their usual friends and they end up finding out a lot about [each other]," Wright get pseudo-rowdy to draw attention and pretty soon even the guys who don't play *Madden* are watching and hanging out."

In addition to dorms hosting social video gaming events, campus organizations like ResNet have sponsored LAN parties - video game parties that use local area network (LAN) connections between game systems. The parties tend to run from evening into early morning.

Believe it or not, that's the preferred format for most gamers, including Barlage and Anderson, while playing with their friends.Not every aspect of online games has been perfected, however. For instance, it can be difficult to find players with similar skill levels. Some students have had bad experiences with online gaming, particularly when they feel outclassed by fellow players.

James Ficker is one of these students and says that online gaming is just frustrating for him.

"Most of the time I don't even know where I'm getting shot at from," Ficker said. "I spin around in a circle looking for them and by the time I get finished looking, I'm dead."

Still, most say that practice makes perfect.

Also, students who struggle against their competition usually don't take it too seriously. Anderson said he knows he's not the best, but it's just as good to relax and have a few laughs.

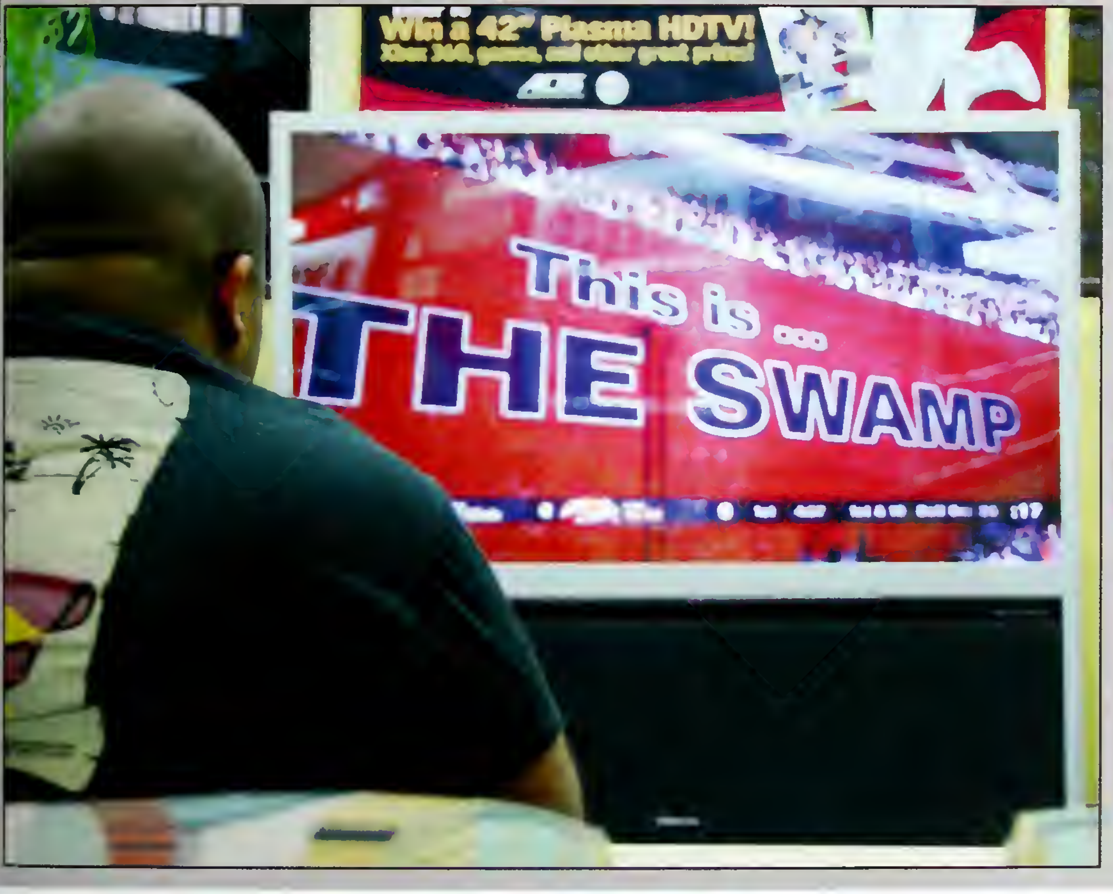
And there are plenty of laughs to be had.

At the end of Barlage's game, one of his teammates from across the hall entered his room. Barlage's friend leaned into the doorway and shook his head in dismay. It was apparent that the game had not gone well.

Barlage shrugged his shoulders and said, "I healed you a few times."

His friend smiled back and replied, "Yeah, thanks," before returning to his room for another round.

Left: Junior Shane Stewart was one of the first to buy a Nintendo Wii at Wal-Mart. Stewart lives in Sullivan Hall.
Below: Junior Nick Barlage talks on his headset to fellow gamers via new multi-player Internet technology.


Win a 42" Plasma HDTV!
Xbox 360, games, and other great prizes!
This is ...
THE SWAMP

XBOX 360
CAMPUS
CHALLENGE
FALL '07
XBOX 360

Top: Eastern students watch a close *Madden* football game during Eastern's Xbox tournament.
Left: An Eastern student begins his Xbox *Madden* football tournament game at the swamp of Florida.
Above: This fall, Eastern promoted the gaming craze by instituting an Xbox 360 campus challenge.

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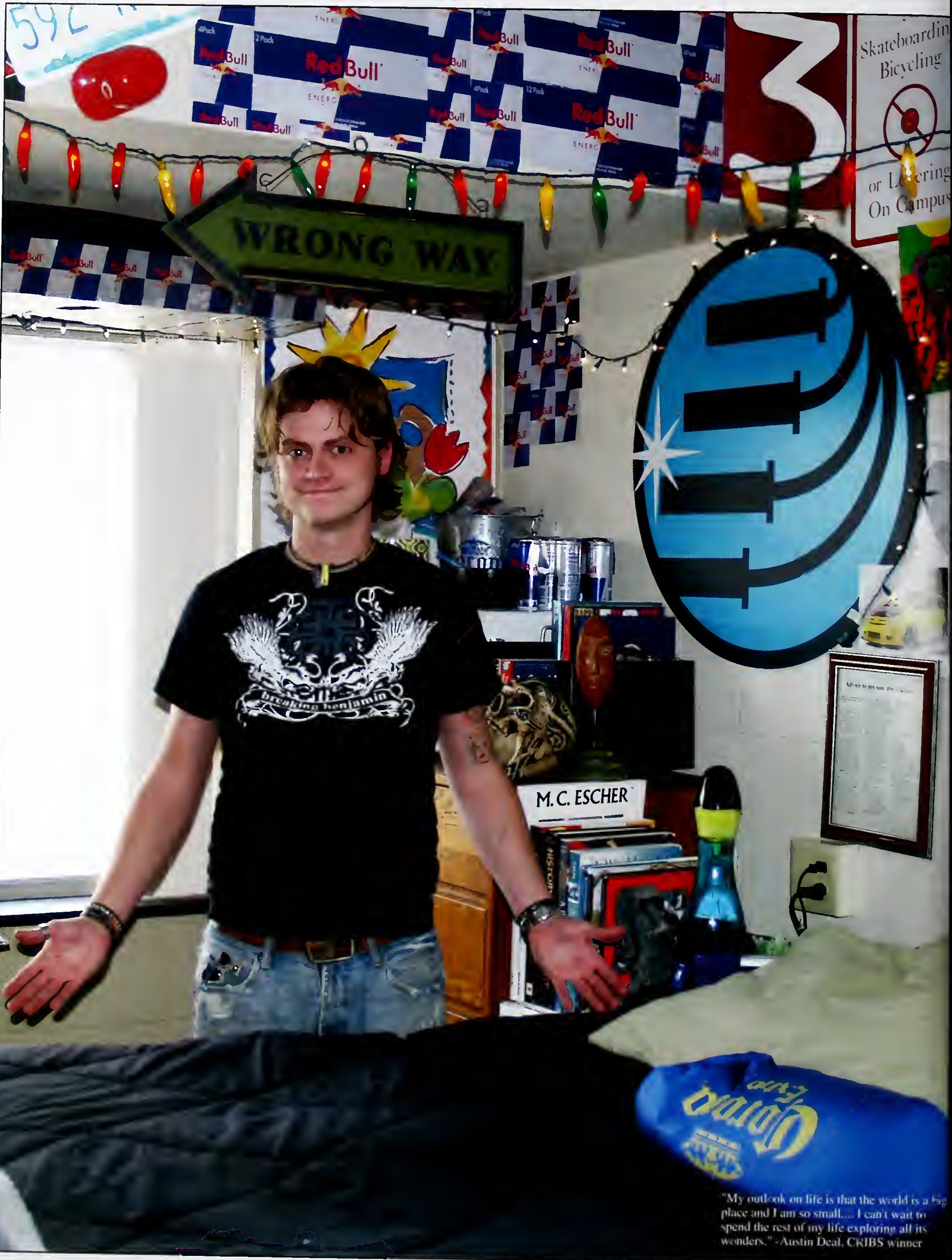
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"My outlook on life is that the world is a big place and I am so small.... I can't wait to spend the rest of my life exploring all its wonders." -Austin Deal, CRIBS winner

CRIBS: dorm edition

Think you've got the most "pimped out" dorm on campus?

This was the question students were asked by the EKU *Milestone* staff members when they went on a search for the coolest dorm on campus. Flyers were posted in all the residence halls and classroom buildings in order to gain attention for this MTV-inspired competition.

When the deadline for entry submission arrived, the *Milestone* staff was impressed by the number of entries received. Out of the many students who submitted photos of their dorm rooms, 10 finalists were selected to be judged professionally in order to choose a winner.

Finally, after all the rooms had been judged on a variety of categories, a winner was chosen: Austin Deal, a resident assistant in Palmer Hall.

The Covington-native is a fine arts major with emphasis in sculpture. It is clear after taking one look at his room that art plays a major role in his life. He describes himself as an easy-going guy who loves golf, drawing and going on his nightly walks to see how beautiful things are at night.

Austin refers to his room as his "dojo" and says that one of his favorite parts of the room is his Zen garden that grows in front of his dorm window.

As winner of the CRIBS competition, Austin will receive a free yearbook as well as a gift card and other great prizes.

Other students who were granted the title "honorable mention" included Brian Fultz whose room was deemed "Most Sophisticated," Sara Worley whose room was deemed "Most Tranquil," and Ashley Burke whose room was deemed "Most Colorful."

NO PARKING FIRE LANE
Rue Bourbon
Bourbon St.
Building open from 7:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. ONLY
Except supervised
SQUEEZE ME
SMOKE FREE CAMPUS
WET
CAUTION
FLOOR

Blame it on my youth
Not My Heart
ROAD

Left and above: Different views of Austin Deal's room display all his memorabilia that he has collected over the years.

Burnam

Dupree

Case

Livin' the Dorm Life

There are all kinds of ways to determine which school to attend, and one of the important things it comes down to in making the final decision are living arrangement opportunities.

Some may believe that dorm life is a great thing about Easterns campus, and some may strongly disagree, but on campus living is required for all freshmen and sophomores.

A bonus concerning this guideline is that people are always around, and the dorm life is never boring.

Meredith McKinley, a freshman, points this out as being of her favorite things about living in residence halls: "I like being able to walk down the hall and hang out in my friends rooms whenever I want. We keep our door open so we can see and hear whats going on in the rooms of our floor."

Nathan Schiesler, a sophomore, said one of the things he would miss most if he moved off campus would be playing his guitar in the lobby.

Not only are the residence halls always abounding with friendly gatherings, but they are conveniently located.

No matter which dorm students are walking from, with the exception of Keene Hall, their walk to any other building on campus takes no longer than 10 minutes.

Casey Stull, a freshman, claims location as an ideal aspect of on-campus living.

"My favorite part about living on campus is being close to my classes," Stull said.

Wendy Simpson agreed.

"All our needs and wants are just a few minutes of walking away and so, in the mornings, I can sleep in later than I could if I lived off campus and had to find a parking spot," Simpson said.

No matter what a person's preferences include, Eastern provides an opportunity for everyone.

There are 10 residence halls to choose from when evaluating living opportunities, and each hall has its own pros and cons.

Case Hall, for starters, is one of the two halls that is all freshmen, but next year will be co-ed for all fine-arts majors. This will provide an opportunity to strengthen the friendships that have only existed within shared classes.

Burnam, Walters, McGregor and Telford halls are dorms devoted to all-girl atmospheres.

Telford is an all-suite hall in which the roommates of one room share a bathroom with their neighbors.

Burnam Hall is split between community bathrooms and suite-style bathrooms.

Martin Hall is the only hall that belongs only to boys, and most of the male athletes reside there, giving them an opportunity for more team-bonding.

Sullivan Hall is home to the honors students. It provides a way for the students to turn to each other for a quick break every now and then.

Next year, Clay Hall will be newly renovated and open to upperclassmen only.

As you can see, each dorm has its own special features, and there are even floors within the halls devoted to specific majors.

Most students feel a kind of spirited devotion to the hall in which they live and wouldn't trade the sometimes exhausting and loud atmosphere, drastic and unpredictable temperature changes, and full laundry rooms to live in any other hall, or even to live off campus in a space all to themselves.

Living on campus can really impact a student's college experience.

Clay

Martin

MARTIN HALL

Palmer

Combs

Commonwealth

Sullivan

A group of friends hang out with their laptops close by in a dorm room on campus.

Walters

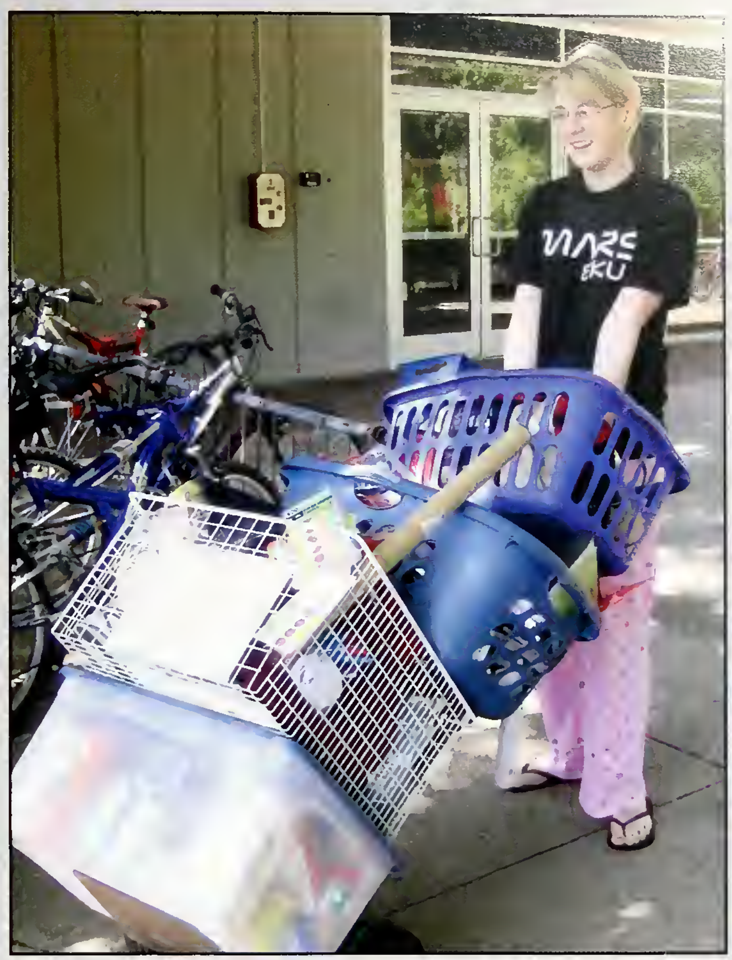
Todd

McGregor

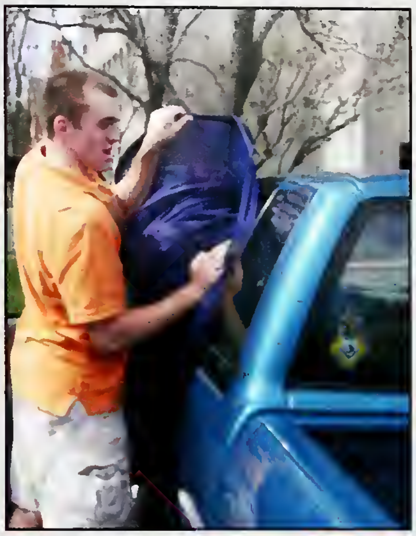
Telford

Keene

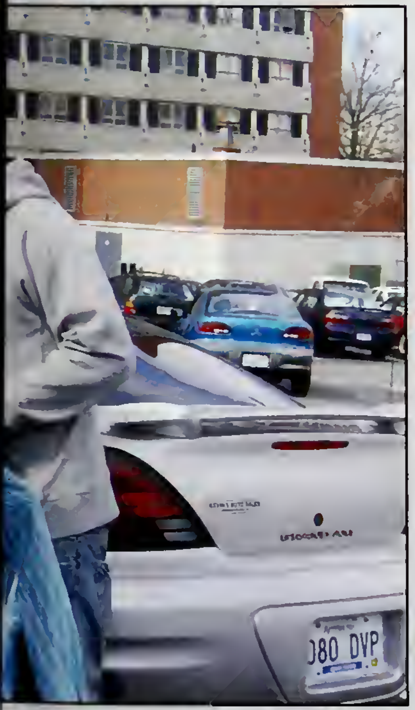
Top: Kayla Wilson and Laura Butler load up the trunk.
Above: Jeremy Smith poses while filling his car with luggage.
Right: Austin Melton, Jase Jesutaitis and Trey Lashbrook are excited to go home.



Left: Chelsea Lee struggles to balance her belongings in front of Commonwealth Hall.
Below: Eric Thompson tries to cram more luggage in his truck.



Should I **stay** *or* *should I* go?



When people look back on their college experience, the words they use to describe it fully depend on what they get out of it. Students usually make friendships, find a new sense of self and individual abilities, grow deeper critical thought and enable newly-developed personal interests. College is merely about getting out what you put in.

Eastern is known to be one of many commuter schools in the state and, although being a commuter student is an advantage in the winter months with class delays and cancellations, it can also be a disadvantage.

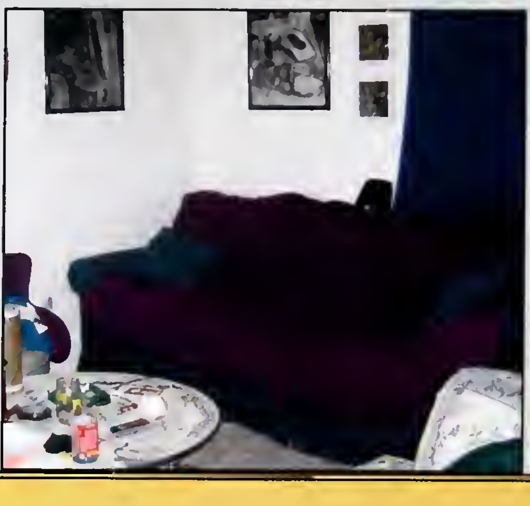
Because of the large amounts of people that leave campus on the weekends, new students may feel lonely on the empty campus. However, this is the perfect time for students to become acquainted with each other.

Although going home seems like an ideal option, the busy weekdays are full of classes and homework, leaving minimal time to delve into the other college experiences.

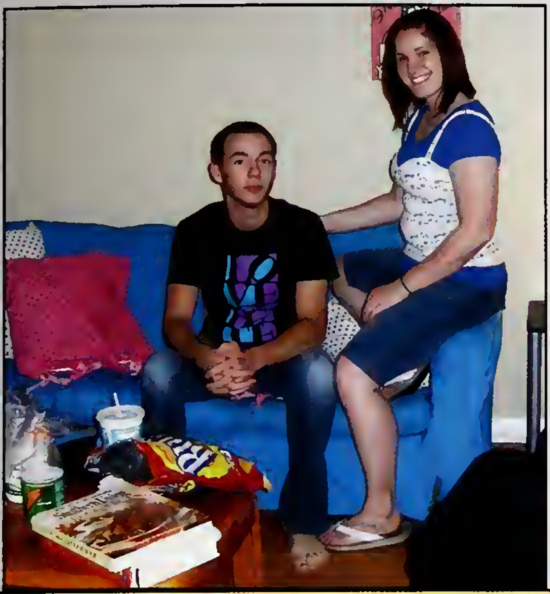
The weekends are truely a time to relax and enjoy Eastern.

Whether it's going to a Thursday Alternative Getaway event such as bingo, cheering on the Colonels in a game of football, basketball or midnight hockey, or simply popping in a movie to watch with some people you're not so familiar with, staying on campus is key in building solid relationships and achieving true college-status success.

Below: Heather Cundiff's apartment provides much more space than a dorm room.
Right: Tim Raymer stands in his fully equipped kitchen.
Bottom: Jamin Cundiff gets online in his off-campus apartment.

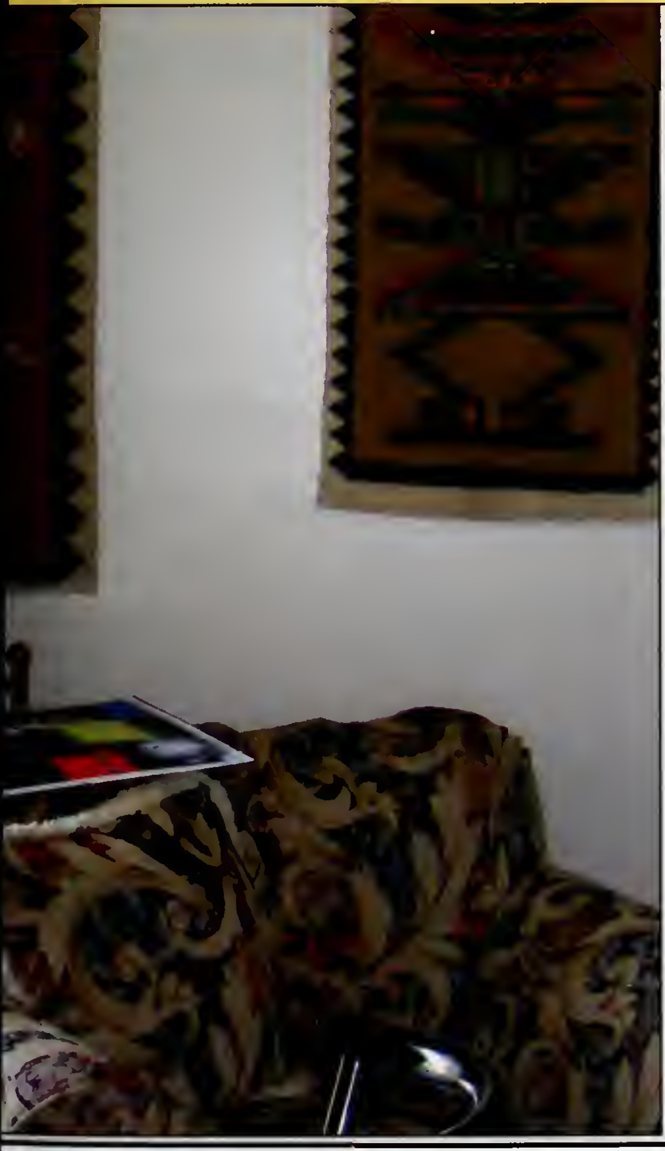


Your place, your rules



Left: Brad Terrill and Kelly Husted visit off campus without the hastle of checking in and out.
Below: Roger Sizemore plays guitar while he relaxes on his couch.

Whether its Lancaster, Argyle, Hampton Way, East Ridge or one of the many other apartment complexes, many Eastern students choose to live off campus after putting in their time in the dorms.



Some people just can't wait until their move-out day.

First, it's from their homes...into dorms. However, they soon realize that this doesn't yet fit their fancy and notice that the loud neighbors and small shared spaced with a roomie gets old too and looks forward to their next move out day to houses and apartments off campus.

One reason students decide to move off campus is because of the price.

"It is cheaper to live off campus," said senior Jordan Marcum. "However, I guess it depends on one's personal opinion when the groceries, furniture, and utilities are all added in as to how much the price truly varies."

Allison Hammer, a senior who had lived on campus for three years, said she enjoys the privacy.

"I moved off campus because I felt the need for more privacy and quietness due to my difficult major," Hammer said. "Plus, I had done the residence hall thing for three years and I wanted my own space and bathroom."

Annie Ballard, a junior, agrees that a private personal bathroom is key to living off campus.

She explains that living off campus gives a person a chance to see what responsibilities come once you're on your own. You are free to come and go as you please and you can have any guests over at any time.

However, these students also recognize the new stress factors that come along with living off campus. The obvious one is gas money. The constant traveling to and from campus adds up faster than one may think.

Hammer also mentioned that living off campus forces her to wake up earlier in order to fight the traffic.

"It is easier to be involved on campus when you live there," Hammer said.

Marcum agreed.

"I miss the closeness of classes and not having to cook," Marcum said.

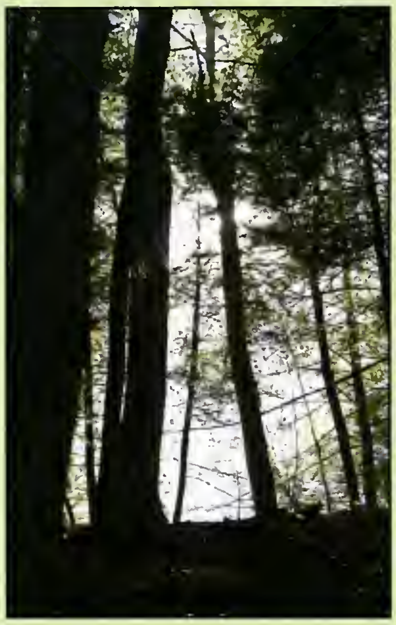
Most students who end up moving off campus do not discourage people from living and experiencing residing in the on-campus residence halls. Rather, they recommend that students start out in the residence halls and move into sharing homes or apartments later.

"Stay on campus for a couple of years to get yourself really acquainted with the campus and to make your face known to as many people as possible," Marcum said. "But, I would also encourage [you] to live off campus to build responsibility for yourself."

Hammer said, "When you are older and getting into your harder major classes I encourage it [living off campus] because it is a very stressful time and being in an area where you can concentrate, focus, and get things done is important."

Whether a student chooses to live on or off of campus, both options has its own positives and negatives and therefore comes down to one's personal preference of lifestyle.

Right: The welcome center is located just off the main road. Caretaker and guide Rob Watts starts most of the tours there.
Below: The sun peeks through the trees in the timber forest.



▸▸Lilley Cornett Woods

Eastern's natural beauty

Do you ever feel stressed or annoyed? Do you feel the need to get away from Richmond when it seems louder and busier than New York City? Do you ever feel like you need to step back in time were there are no messed up printers, honking horns, blaring sirens and concrete industrial buildings? It's possible to do so and still stay on land owned by Eastern.

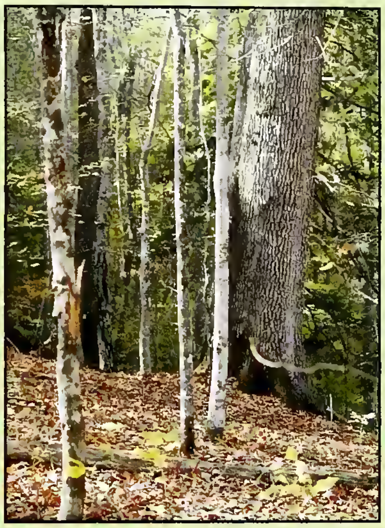
The Lilley Cornett Woods and Research Station is located less than three hours southeast of Richmond on KY 1103 in Letcher County. The drive there may be long, but the natural beauty you see while there is well worth it. Lilley Cornett is one of only a few virgin timber forests still in existence in the state. It is a tranquil area full of the sounds and sights of nature.

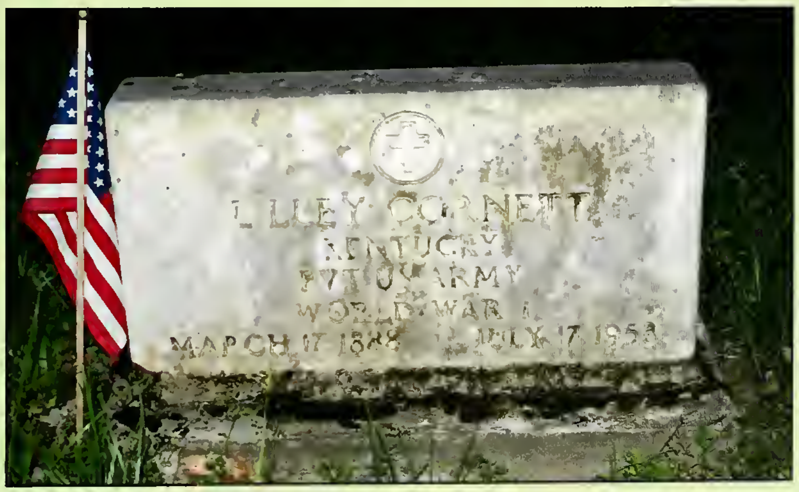
Eastern acquired the woods from the Kentucky Division of Forestry 30 years ago. Eastern and other colleges in the state use the area as a research laboratory to study nature when it has been undisturbed by the hands of man.

Colleges all the way down to elementary schools take field trips throughout the year to learn and admire the uncut forest. Even individuals are invited to take a guided tour with Rob Watts, the manager, caretaker and guide at Lilley Cornett for the past 33 years.

So if you need to escape society and want to step into a piece of tranquil, untrampled nature, head toward Letcher County to the Lilley Cornett Woods.

Below: The giant old-growth timber draws many visitors to the Lilley Cornett Woods.

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Above: Lilley Cornett's headstone is located in the preserve. Left: The winding trail at Lilley Cornett Woods gives visitors an easy path to walk through and enjoy the beautiful scenery.

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Thursday Alternative Getaway

"[illegible]ome to TAG, or Thursday Alternative Getaway. [illegible]e you enjoy yourself tonight and win big," Bertha [illegible] said.

[illegible]n is the administrative assistant of Student Life. [illegible]husiasm for TAG shows as she shouts and [illegible] to get everyone in the room as lively as her.

[illegible] was created to offer students another way to [illegible]eir Thursday nights besides going out to the bars [illegible]s. The university likes to encourage students to [illegible]ean and safe fun while in college. TAG events [illegible] movies, bingo, Deal or No Deal, get leid before [illegible]reak, and karaoke.

[illegible] that the attendees have fun, the staff of Student [illegible]oses newly-released movies, gives away prizes [illegible]gs talented singers to campus.

[illegible]ney McFarland said her favorite thing about TAG [illegible]ement of surprise.

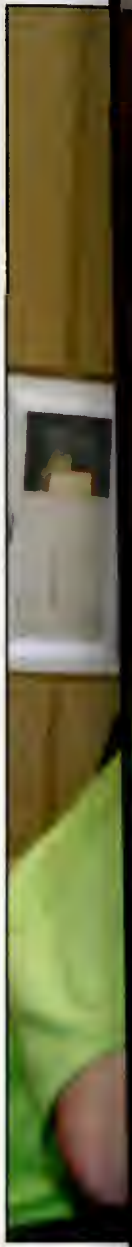
"[illegible] never know what will be given away or how long [illegible]t is going to last."

Cassie Helm said she loves meeting new people and making new friends. She also enjoys showing up early to events and helping set up because it gives her something to do other than sit in her dorm room.

The TAG staff has meetings during the week to discuss what they would like to do for each TAG event, down to every detail about the individual event. They want to ensure the attendees are entertained and will want to come back the following week. Events always have food, fun and prizes. And the staff consists of administrative staff and students.

All in all, if the staff is finding events that students are interested in and the student body shows up, then TAG is a success. For one night, the staff of TAG and the university has kept the students safe and entertained.

Plus, the staff of TAG believes that activities outside the classroom are beneficial to students' academic success.



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Left: Students concentrate on their BINGO cards at a TAG event.
Top: Lonnie Scott, Assistant Director of Student Involvement and Leadership for SAC, points Guy Gorilla in the direction of a bingo winner who needs her prize.
Above: Dustin Carter asks questions at a TAG event called Match Game.

Above: Chad Garrett, a freshman law enforcement major from Carlisle, helps himself to to some scalloped potatoes compliments of Kentucky Kitchen.
Right: Melissa Phelps, a junior dietetics major from Somerset, and Paul Cash, a junior computer science major from Mansville, enjoy dinner with a view at the Fresh Food Company.

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Left: Long lines can be expected in between class periods, especially during lunch hours.

Good eats, *fast* treats

From an all-you-can-eat dining hall to fast food options, on-campus dining won't leave you hungry

Wherever you find yourself on campus, a good meal and good times are never too far away.

Dining on campus offers students a variety of options. Whether you're looking for a quick snack or a sit-down lunch with friends, you're sure to find something to tempt your taste buds.

Whether health conscious, or not, everyone is taken care of at the Fresh Food Company. Located in the Powell Student Center, this cafeteria offers an array of options for breakfast, lunch and dinner.

The Fountain Food Court, which is also located in the Powell Building, offers students even more choices with restaurants like Quiznos, Chick-fil-A and Zoca when they want to mix it up a bit.

"I definitely go to Powell for Quiznos," said Robin Jacob, a senior nursing major from Harlan.

Looking for something a little closer to the dorms? Residents of Telford and Keene can drop by the C3 Express, which also has other locations around campus. Martin is home to the C-store and Blimpie Subs.

Need a pick-me-up after a long day of studying? Then you might want to try Java City, located in the Crabbe Library. Not only can you sip on coffee or a smoothie, but computers and comfy couches make this spot ideal for chilling out.

Aside from offering great dining choices and service, Eastern has also made it easy to pay. Meal memberships range in price from around $950 to $1,300 per semester.

Memberships allow students to pick a plan that fits their particular dining needs. Each membership comes with flex dollars, which allow students to shop at the Powell Building, C-store or selected other sites around campus.

"My meal plan has served me well; I've never gone hungry," said Chasity Hunt, a sophomore history major from Mount Sterling. "I like the cafeteria because you can eat as much as you want."

So, you think you have to leave campus for a good meal? Maybe it's time to explore your options.

Right: Jeremy Newell uses the chop saw in the Campbell wood shop to cut lumber that is used for making frames and other art.
Below: Cameron Blair and Sean Phillips take apart beds in the dorms.

Work & education

two parts of a whole

Students love going off to college because it means freedom from the parents. Students can stay up all night, avoid homework and never clean their rooms. They can even sleep in. Their parents remind them of their so-called freedom when the students call home wanting money only three weeks after starting school.

Thankfully, campus offers many options for jobs: federal work study positions as well as institutional positions. Federal work study jobs are those in which the government helps pay the employee while institutional work is funded by the college itself.

The most common positions worked on campus are resident hall desk workers, lab assistant positions, bookstore customer service and campus safety. These are both federal work study and institutional positions.

A resident hall desk worker must be eligible for federal work study and available when needed. The position is to ensure the safety of residents in the hall by the desk worker enforcing housing policies by checking guest in and checking IDs. They also take calls and assist residents. Any student is not allowed to work more then 20 hours in a week.

The lab assistant may be a student of federal or institutional eligibility. Again, the student is only permitted 20 hours a week, must show reliability by showing up for work and performing all required duties. A lab assistant may be strictly a receptionist helping out in the office or one assisting professors with errands that they dont have time to run themselves.

The bookstore hires any student that they feel would add to their team and be of great service to the customers. No eligibility requirement. Also, there is no limit on hours per week available to work. Like any customer service position, it consists of assisting customers, and maintaining the front counters, returns and purchases.

Probably the least sought-after position on campus is the campus safety position in which entitles the employee to issue tickets for hours while walking around campus and keeping an eye on the resident halls, buildings and parking places. A campus safety officer can be an institutional worker, but usually prefers federal work study. The hours are not limited.

Money may no longer be an issue for students as there are plenty of jobs on campus. These positions need to be filled and these jobs may provide each student with the possibility of extra money. The freedom really begins when students can spend their own money.

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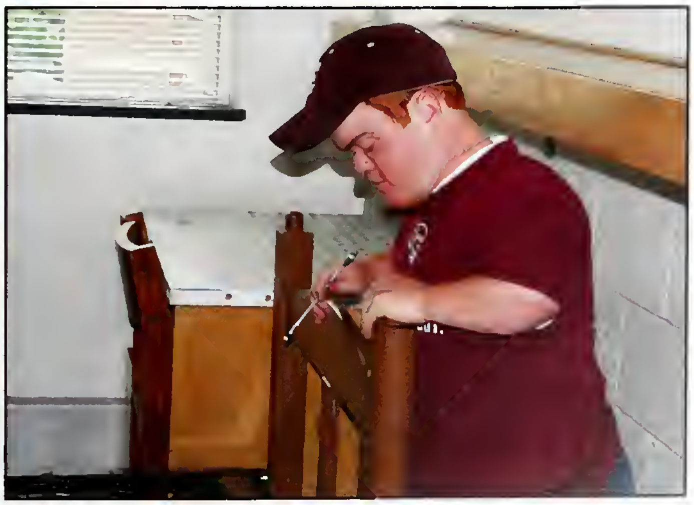

Above: Neil Volpenhein and Rob Begley unload mulch in Memorial Plaza.
Left: Tim Murray adjusts furniture in Palmer Hall.
Far left: Student workers at the campus bookstore help customers return or purchase books needed for their classes.

Campus Central

▶▶ *Friends meet at Eastern's Powell corner*

Powell Corner is *the corner* when it comes to opportunities for socialization. Due to the late appearance of the spring season, some freshmen may not have heard about the springtime nickname for this famous corner: Horny Corner.

"It's definitely the site of a bunch of flirting," said Patrick Brown, a sophomore. "Since so many people do meet there, its very common for a couple to meet up there too. And at times there are ridiculous amounts of PDA [personal display of affection] expressed while out on the corner."

However, despite this obvious scene, many other activities are found here as well.

"There are many things sold and advertised on Powell Corner," said Kara Daughetee, a freshman. "Things like jewelry and pottery have been on sale lately. Many events on campus are advertised here with posters and students spreading the word. I [also] often see students playing cornhole. Also, Powell Corner is a place where many people get together just to hang out and talk before class."

Because of the open space with a few picnic tables and the fact that many students are forced to walk by the corner on their way to eat at Powell or go to class, Powell Corner is bound to be the prime location of hanging out.

For many students, its their favorite place on campus.

"Although it's not my number one favorite spot on campus it is a good place to meet up with friends or walk by and see friendly faces, because when it's nice out people you know are always there," said freshman Lauren Kersting.

And the people there represent the diversity on Eastern's campus.

"Anything you can think of will be on the corner at some point in time. From Greeks to other Registered Student Organizations to random community organizations. They will be out there selling something or trying to get you to support their cause," Brown said. "It's definitely my favorite spot on campus. It's the most social spot on campus and I love it.

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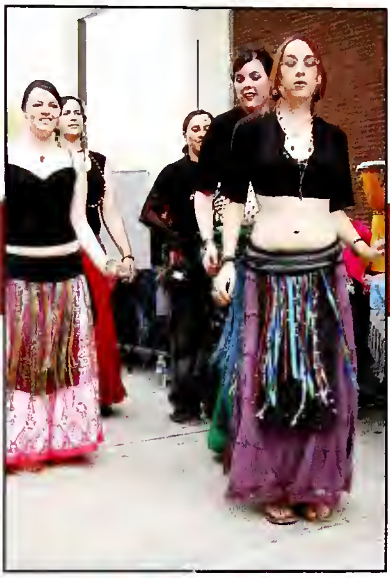
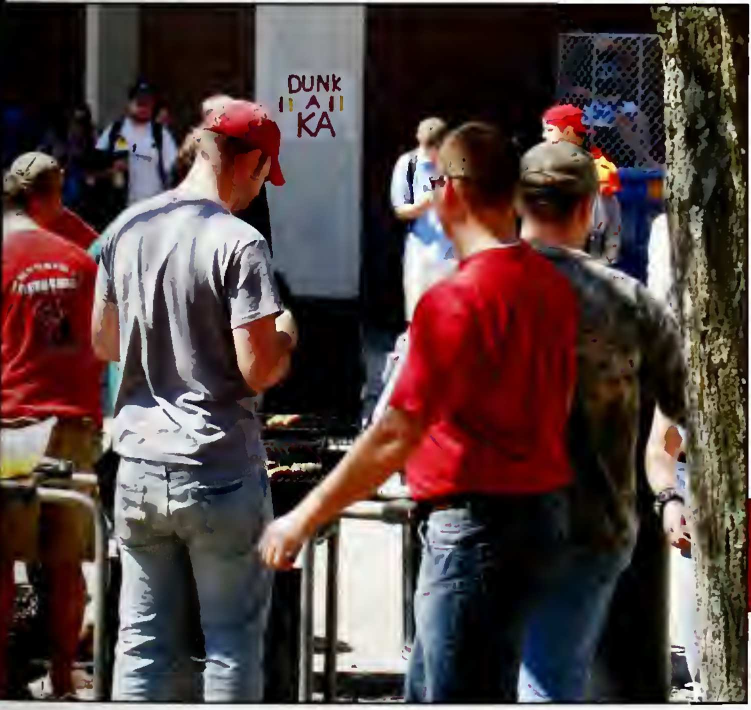
[illegible] member outside the Powell Building.

Left: Students pass through Powell corner between classes on a sunny day, occasionally stopping to chat with friends. Below: Members of the Middle Eastern Dance Club give on-lookers at Powell corner a taste of the Middle East.





Above: A New Student Day worker hands out Beta fish to new EKU students on Powell Corner.

Below: The performers take a seat during a high energy, meaningful performance.

▶▶ *Presented by Student Activites Council*

N*W*C*

"There is only __one__ race..."

N*gger, Wetb*ck, Ch*nk was a hotly-contested talking point in the fall semester of 2007. When the Student Activities Council suggested bringing the racially-themed stage show to Eastern, not everyone rallied behind them. The Student Government Association hosted a forum to inform people about the show and, in November 2007, SAC secured a contract to bring the show to Eastern.

The show rolled into Easterns O'Donnell Auditorium on February 13, and the controversy began before the show even started. Throngs of students flocked to the event. There were so many that SAC was forced to turn dozens of people away at the door, or else risk breaking the buildings fire code through overcrowding. The turnout ended up being much greater than SAC could have prepared for.

Inside the auditorium, N*W*C* immediately kicked off its controversy when the three actors, Miles Gregley, Allan Axibal and Rafael Agustin, took the stage, rapping their individual ethnic slurs; the titular words of the show.

Telling stories of embarrassment and racial persecution, while mixing in outrageous comedy visuals like Gregley jumping onto a table and dancing while singing in Spanish to a pop song the actors kept the audience laughing all night long.

Whenever they made a serious point, such as reenacting a moment when Agustin's father forbid him to speak Spanish in fear of immigration authorities, the players swiftly transitioned back into comedy.

The serious points hit hard, but N*W*C* never let the audience dwell on them long enough to feel uncomfortable.

SAC and the multicultural office at Eastern said putting on N*W*C*, a show meant to depower racial stereotypes, would be an excellent way to get conversations about equality rolling at Eastern.

If nothing else, the show delivered powerful points with a comedy twist that kept its audience rolling all night long.

Middle left: After waiting in a long line and cramming into the SSB, hundreds of students are dissappointed with the news that the auditorium has reached its maximum capacity.
Left: The performers dressed in stereotypical clothing to define their races in a segment of the act.
Below: Students shared their racial stories during a question and answer session with the performers.

Things that go bump

There is one thing about Eastern that tour guides don't mention when giving potential students their first look of campus.

Supposedly, there are spirits among us and they are suspected of inhabiting some of the most well-known buildings at Eastern.

No hard evidence supports this assertion, but that's exactly what certified ghost hunter Patti Star and self-proclaimed medium and psychic, Chip Coffey, were trying to find when they led a tour of students through some of these haunted areas.

Star and Coffey both claim to have started seeing ghosts and spirits as very young children, and both have spent their lives chasing ghosts and investigating strange occurrences.

After one book, "Ghost Hunting in Kentucky and Beyond," and appearances on the A&E network television show, "Paranormal State," the pair travels the country annually to conduct their College Halloween Tour. On the tour, they hunt ghosts on various campuses throughout the country. They chose Eastern as the last stop on their 2007 tour.

The night began in the Keen Johnson Ballroom with a crowd of about 500 students. Star and Coffey gave a presentation about what they do, the instruments they use to detect spiritual activity and data collected on some of their previous ghost hunts.

They also played voice recordings they had collected during some of those hunts. These audio clips were all received with resounding gasps as the atmosphere of the room itself was filled with chills and goose bumps.

The presentation was only the beginning, though, and at the end of the presentation, Star and Coffey chose approximately 40 students by lottery to accompany them on a ghost hunt.

They went to the Pearl Buchanan Theater which is rumored to be one of the most haunted places on campus.

Steve Thomas, a sophomore journalism major from Alexandria, said that even though he was skeptical of the activities, he did hear and fee things that made him shiver.

The students were told to sit perfectly still and to not whisper so that the sounds of the spirits could be recorded and heard clearly. Star stood on the stage and took a 30-second recording and, when it was played back to the group Thomas said three very distinct footsteps could be heard.

"I heard the footsteps live, even before the recording was played back," Thomas said.

He also said that another recording was taken in which every person in attendance gave their name so that the spirits could respond to them.

"[The presenters] pointed at each individual person and [the person] would say their name - first name, last name, first name, last name for all 50 people," Thomas said. "Star recorded everyone saying the names and then played the recording."

Thomas said that when about two-thirds of all the students had said their names, a forceful whisper could be heard asking, "Who?" after one girl said her name.

"I had chills starting at the back of my neck and going down my arm," Thomas said, "and I had my coat on."

This was something he said he couldn't explain.

Thomas added that some people claimed to have seen apparitions and felt a touch on their shoulders, but, overall, he said that people got out of the experience what they wanted to get out of it.

n Eastern's campus

Singing their

Brock Auditorium filled with music during Eastern's Spring Choral Concert. Students, parents, faculty, alumni and community members came out to support the Department of Music in its last choral concert of the semester.

Sue Ellen Ballard, the director of choral activities, conducted.

"We began the concert with a double choir," she said. "I thought it worked well in the space."

The concert started with the Concert Choir dressed in black singing *Jauchzet dem Herren* by Heinrich Schutz. During this song, violins, a viola, a cello and a keyboard accompanied the singers.

The concert continued with performances by the University Singers and the 2008 EKU All-Collegiate Ensemble. The audience heard pieces by Eric Whitacre, Gyorgy Orban, Guiseppe Verdi and Stephen Hatfield. Graduate assistant Katy Rose and choral music education majors Abby Day and Kayla Spurlock conducted some of the musical selections.

John Lovelace, Brittany Horn and Heather Acuna gave solo performances during the Spring Choral Concert.

"I thought all the soloists did great," Ballard said. "I was very proud of them. "

Brindisi from *La traviata* and *Cindy* by Mack Wilburg gave the audience a surprise. During these songs, members from the choir came off the stage and danced before the audience.

In addition, students from the Department of Music were presented with scholarships during the concert. Malachi Francis received the Bruce Bennett Keyboard Scholarship. The Robert E. Witt Choral Scholarship was presented to Kayla Spurlock.

The concert ended with EKU alumni joining the singers on stage to sing the Alma Mater by Thomas Couvillon.

There were about 10 alumni present at the Spring Choral Concert including Dr. David Wehr.

Dr. Wehr is the former EKU Choral Director and directed the last song of the concert, *The Lord Bless You and Keep You*, by Peter Lutkin.

Plans have already been started for next year's Spring Choral Concert. Because the concert occurs during EKU's Alunmi Weekend, Ballard hopes more alumni will attend the 2009 concert.

"Next year, we have all alumni choral directors and members of the music department booked to attend and perform at the concert," she said. "That's pretty exciting."

EKU's Music Department is making history this year for starting the first ever chapter of the American Choral Association.

"We had 11 students attend the Southern Division of the American Choral Directors Association," she said. "This spring, we also had the national ACDA president, Dr. Hillary Apselstadt, visit EKU."

Ballard said she has high hopes for EKU's Choral Music Department in the upcoming year.

"We would like to tour around Kentucky in the upcoming year," she added. "From there, maybe Kentucky and surrounding states the year after. The final goal is an overseas tour in about five years.That will take a lot of planning, but we'll see."

Main: Angelina, played by Virginia Wilson in the opera *Trial By Jur* reduced to tears during the court proceedings, and her attorney, playe Danny Jones is soothing her.
Left: The Concert Choir performs a piece during the spring concert Brock Auditorium on Alumni Weekend.

hearts out

Above: (left to right) Abby Day, Ryan Hornung, Rebekah Logsdon and Jordan Nickel perform together as choir members.
Below: Danny Jones sings to Virginia Wilson while Don Dickson sings his part as a member of the jury, and Jared Denton observes in the background.

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Behind the Scenes

The common consensus is that washing windows sucks. However, this truism isn't so for one Eastern employee.

"I hate the blinds, because you have to clean one slat at a time or they bend or crinkle," said Brenda Horn. "I like cleaning windows. I love it because when the sun shines and spring is coming it puts me in the mood to have clean, pretty windows."

Horn works in the Carter Building. She is one of nearly 350 facility service employees that fix, clean, heat, cool, wash, trim, straighten and generally maintain Eastern. The jobs are needed and not always easy. Some are worse than others, though.

"[Eastern's] mechanical and electrical aspects are the most challenging," said Rich Middleton, the director of facilities services. "Summer to winter and winter to summer are the hardest times of the year on facility services."

Middleton said he feels this way because of the challenges presented by heating and cooling the campus. He said there is a balancing act that is always being achieved inside the dorms and offices by facility service employees.

"You can have a clean facility, but it can be hot and all [people] know is that it is so hot," he said. "It's a team effort."

Russell Matthews drives a trash truck that picks up all of Eastern's waste. He said Keene Hall produces the most trash, but that each individual dorm is always different. Picking up all of Eastern's waste isn't the hardest thing for him, though.

"The hardest part is keeping up with everything else, doing the day-to-day work," Matthews said.

It is facilities services' duty to keep all of campus working and not just clean, so if something needs to be done on campus that can't be covered with just a few people, then Matthews will get pulled from his daily duties to help out. But, sometimes that's what it takes to run Eastern smoothly.

The jobs are challenging and necessary, but Middleton said he is appreciative.

"We are proud of the university and its efforts to maintain The Campus Beautiful," Middleton said. "You won't find facilities, both inside and outside this state, that are better kept."

Above: Rob Begley makes sure the trash is taken care of. Right: Paul Mattox preps the baseball field for a game.

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DANGER
DO NOT ENTER
DANGER

J.R. Perkins and Russell Matthews do the job a lot of people wouldn't.

> **"You won't find facilities, both inside or outside this state, that are better kept."**
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> - Rich Middleton,
> director of facilities
> services

Far left: Gary Northern cleans the parking lot after a rowdy tailgating weekend. Top: Brenda Horn wipes down the blinds in the [illegible] Building. Left: A worker prepares the softball field for play.

Silence is *not always* golden

ROCK
AGAINST
RAPE

Did you know?

With 22,269 domestic violence allegations investigated by Kentucky State Police in 2007, it is clear that something needs to be done to put an end to the violence.

50% of all sexual assaults occur under the influence of alcohol

74% of college men would intervene to prevent a sexual assault

50% of women worldwide are violated

Sexual awareness and safety [illegible] probably among the biggest topics on [illegible] college campus in the country, and Eastern is no different.

The administration has worked hard to provide a number of services and programs on campus to spread the word on this sensitive subject matter.

Each year, the women's studies program puts on about eight to 10 programs, and various dorms and other groups also offer programming on campus throughout the year. Health classes can also provide students an outlet for conversation that may not be especially comfortable or dinner table appropriate.

Take a walk around campus and you will most likely notice that there is a plethora of fliers advertising speeches or plays regarding sexual awareness or relationships. There is a possibility that you may also find the solicitation doesn't end there, but follows you into the classroom.

Everyone has had a professor attempt to nudge them into attending a particular event, possibly even dangled some extra credit in front of you.

The reason for this has much to do with the prevalence of violence. STDs, unplanned pregnancy and sexual misconduct that can be [illegible] between [illegible] against women and [illegible] said Marta Miranda, the director of the women's studies program.

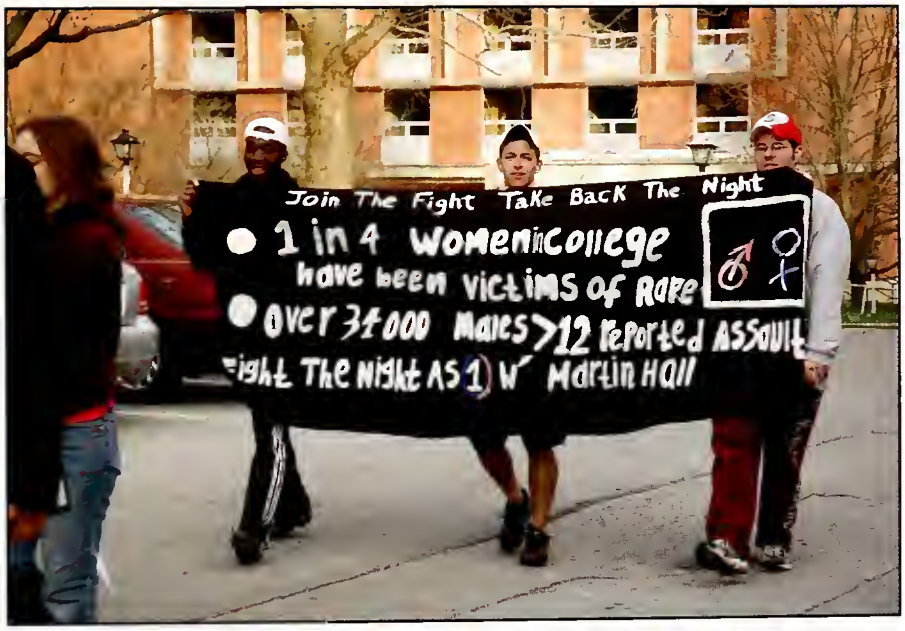
In addition, both male and female students have negative stereotypes about women in leadership, in business, government, etc., which creates barriers to relationships at work and at home.

Though the subject matter is not always the most comfortable or exciting, the programs give a variety in which to select. Most students will probably be able to find something that's of some interest to them.

Some of the programming available include Global Perspectives on Human Trafficking, Sex and Chocolate, Relationships from the Male Perspective, the Vagina Monologues, and Gentleman or Beast: The Double Bind of Contemporary Masculinity.

Still not interested? You can make an appointment at the counseling center for a one-on-one discussion.

Sexual awareness, especially for young people, is of the utmost importance. The best thing that any of us can do is educate ourselves.


Join The Fight Take Back The Night
1 in 4 Women in College have been victims of Rape
over 34000 Males >12 reported Assault
Fight The Night As 1 W/ Martin Hall

Left: Meg Gunderson, a Women and Gender Studies professor, does her part to raise awareness about sexual violence.
Top: Three residents of Martin Hall carry a banner bearing startling statistics for the Take Back the Night event.
Above: Students march at Take Back the Night.

Thirsty Thursdays

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Sometimes a bad reputation can be hard to shake.

Just ask the easy girl from back in high school, or that one guy who walked around slant-eyed and always had the munchies.

Or, because of an appearance in *Playboy*, you could just ask an Eastern student.

Not a particular Eastern student, but current students, or ones that have graduated in the past 20 years. In a 1987 *Playboy* poll ranking the nation's top party colleges and universities, Eastern came in at 30th, putting the school on the map and branding Eastern as "Kentucky's party school."

However, the poll merely consisted of opinions from campus club leaders, dorm rush chairpersons, fraternity presidents and other campus social figures.

And some people doubt whether or not the poll results are still accurate.

"I don't see EKU as a party school," marketing major Joe Schmithorst said. "If you go to other schools, you see a lot more bars, and it's a lot more fun."

Based on a meritless poll conducted more than 20 years ago, EKU has unfairly held the stigma of a college of drunks, and Eastern cannot be found in similar polls.

The Princeton Review lists yearly the top party schools in the nation, and EKU has never made the list.

Campus Humor also has a yearly list, and Eastern has never graced its top 50 list.

However, Western Kentucky University was 11th in the 2007-2008 party school power rankings by College Humor.

"Western is a lot better than Eastern. ever since they closed all the bars," Schmithorst said.

That's not to say that the campus is devoid of alcohol.

Liquor law violation referrals at Eastern jumped from 122 in 2004 to 319 in 2006, and liquor law violation arrests increased from nine in 2004 to 38 in 2006.

Whether EKU students attend the official party school of Kentucky or are just a victim of circumstance, some Eastern students do drink.

After all, isn't that why we turn 21?

Top: Bar-goers point out all their empty alcohol bottles at T'Bombadil's on Main Street. Left: T'Bomb's is a live music venue and people enjoy getting up and dancing. Above: Senior environmental health science major Roger Sizemore sips on his beer.

▸ Smoking on campus:

Above: Sarah Thorpe, a sophomore art education major from Lee County, and Crystal Bennett leisurely enjoy a smoke in one of the campus hubs.
Right: Mary Noble, a junior jewelry and metals major, gets her nicotine fix in spite of the instructions of the sign beside her.

NO
SMOKING
within 25 FEET of
any EKU entrance

Right ▸▸▸ or privilege?

Smoking is a choice and many choose to do so without thinking twice. Until the nonsmoking spoke out, that is.

Most often, nonsmokers use the statement that secondhand smoke kills nonsmokers more than the smoker themselves.

And much like the fight to make all restaurants smoke-free, the topic of no smoking has become a topic of desire on Richmond's campus in the last few years. Thus, campus officials began pondering ways to solve the high-rated controversial issue on campus.

The officials had to take into consideration the right of a smoker as much as those choosing not to puff a stick every day of their lives. So, in fall 2006, ideas were tossed around in an attempt to please both sides of the issue. And by late spring 2007, smoking hubs were built around campus.

The hubs were put in near many buildings. Designed to keep the smoke and smokers in, it also functioned as a heating unit.

Though some smokers were courteous in using their new gathering spots to get in one last nicotine fix before going on their way, many others acted as if nothing had changed on campus.

Still yet, the budget was allowing for more buildings to be placed across campus in summer 2007 for students to have more buildings to get another puff in. Signs were posted on all classroom buildings, informing smokers that they were not allowed to smoke within 25 feet of any building. Finally, the nonsmokers would be able to walk into the buildings on campus without breathing unwanted, polluted air.

Much to the administration's and nonsmokers' beliefs, smokers weren't happy with their new spots and therefore continued to smoke right next to the doors of halls and buildings on university property.

Hence, today, new signs are posted in the windows of halls, stating that any smoker caught smoking within 25 feet of a building can be issued a citation for violating the policies of this campus.

Campus *Improvement*

No matter where you look, there's always something under construction, out of order or both.

Interstates are always littered with orange cones, and buildings are always being built, torn down and built again.

Eastern is no exception to this rule, and a few big changes are coming fast.

The three largest projects on campus for the 2007-2008 academic year are the Technology Commons project in Powell, the initial construction of the new science building and the renovation of Clay Hall.

Tech Commons

The newly-opened Technology Commons is located in room 13 on the ground floor of the Powell Student Center, formerly the home of the campus bowling alley. The facility is designed to blend the social aspects of a student lounge with the educational opportunities provided by state-of-the art technology.

The student lounge features a variety of fully mobile furniture as well as wireless Internet access, ceiling-mounted projectors and wall-mounted computer monitors. These features are meant to eliminate the discomfort that is typically prevalent when doing group work, whether it's sitting on the floor due to poor seating arrangements or squinting to see a laptop screen from a poor angle.

In addition to the student lounge, the Technology Commons includes a full computer lab, a student conference room, a classroom equipped with 40 tablet PCs and a complete on-demand print center known as the Paper Jam.

Students can also check out equipment such as laptops, digital cameras or camcorders from the Commons for periods ranging from two hours to five days. These features combine to make the facility a state-of-the-art student hangout.

Charles D. Woolum, supervisor of the Tech Commons, said he is excited to see the facility open after four years of laborious design, planning and construction. He said it feels good to finally open the doors and allow students to take advantage of the Commons.

"We're in the business of giving students what they need, as much as we can, anyway," Woolum said. "Students come first here."

According to Woolum, the goal of the facility is to give students a place to hang out and enjoy the social opportunities that technology creates.

"The key to this whole facility is that it's by the students and for the students," he said.

While most students seem optimistic about the potential of the Technology Commons, many wonder if it was the right choice for the Powell Student Center.

Jake Hamm, a sophomore history major from Richmond, said he fears that it doesn't provide what Eastern is lacking: something to do on campus.

"There's a bowling alley just down the road, so I guess I understand getting rid of that," Hamm said. "But they're replacing it with a computer lab and a lounge that sounds really similar to the one that was on the main floor of Powell and that doesn't make sense to me."

Regardless of its location, Hamm said the Technology Commons will likely be a popular student hangout and that it will probably be warmly welcomed on campus.

He also admitted that he had yet to visit the Commons, and looked forward to seeing it firsthand. "Maybe a visit will change my mind," Hamm said.

New Science Building

As the Technology Commons celebrates its grand opening, construction on the new science building is just getting underway.

According to James Street, the director of capital planning and facilities management at Eastern, construction on the building is scheduled to begin in May 2008, but preparations have already begun on the site. Street said the building's development is broken into four phases, two of which are already in progress. Massive crevices, orange plastic netting and barrels along Roy and Sue Kidd Way are visual representations of phase one, the rerouting of pipelines for the building. The Brockton Apartments were demolished along with the old campus police station as part of phase two.

Phases three and four involve the erecting of the actual building and, if work on the 333,000 square foot building remains on schedule, Street said, most of the building will be complete by 2010, with the biology wing being completed eight to nine months later.

"This new building will turn [Eastern] into a hub of the sciences," Street said. "The implications are huge, probably bigger than anything we've done in a long time. To be candid, this is a big deal."

Although actual work on the $95-million facility has yet to begin, campus has already been dramatically affected.

Students have taken notice of the construction, particularly because it is in an inconvenient location.

Jake Hamm said that the construction that lines Roy Kidd Way is an inconvenience for students.

"I walk down (Roy and Sue Kidd Way) all the time and it's hard to even walk the sidewalks anymore," Hamm said.

Hamm added that he now zigzags across the street to avoid the sections that are roped off by fences and plastic netting.

Sarah Carty, a sophomore biology major from Salyersville, admitted that the construction also made navigating Roy Kidd Way frustrating for her, both on foot and in her car.

"I'm a science major, so I know [the new science building] is going to pay off in the long run," Carty said.

Clay Hall

The new science building is only one of two problematic projects for students who travel Roy and Sue Kidd Way.

The renovation of Clay Hall, located just across the street from the future site of the new science building, has also contributed to pedestrian travel difficulties. Chain link fences line the perimeter of the dorm and extend onto the sidewalks, effectively narrowing them.

Concurrent construction of the two projects is the true source of frustration for students.

According to Kenna Middleton, the director of housing at Eastern, there was little choice in renovating Clay Hall. The 10-story dorm was built in 1966 and was temporarily closed for repair after the spring of 2007.

Middleton said that the renovations are comprehensive and will include the installation of new plumbing and piping, heating and air conditioning units, windows, furniture, sinks, and kitchenettes on every floor. In addition, a student lounge is to be built and the lobby is being redesigned to be more student-friendly and inviting.

Middleton said the project will cost an estimated $7 million.

Clay Hall's closing displaced the 340 co-ed students who called it home, but Middleton insisted that in order to complete the renovations, the hall had to be closed.

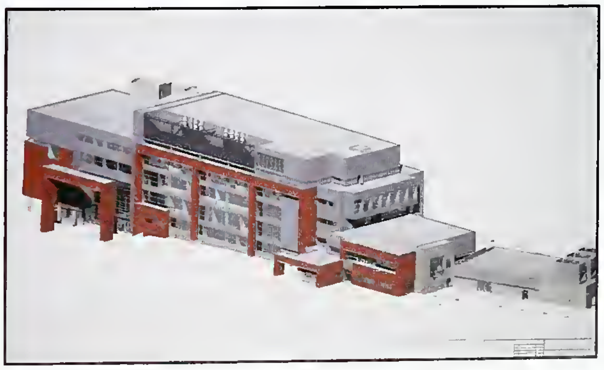
"Cosmetic work can be done to any hall at any time, but infrastructure work really requires the hall to be shut down," Middleton said.

She added that such overhauls require a full year of construction and, as such, Clay Hall is expected to reopen in August 2008. Until then, students will have to get used to fences on both sides of Roy and Sue Kidd Way.

Campus construction is vital for Eastern's growth. While they might be inconvenient for current students, the projects are unavoidable and will eventually yield great benefits for Eastern.

The construction process is cyclical and when these projects finish, others will begin. It just goes to show that Eastern is a living campus in more ways than one.

Left: A corridor in Clay Hall shows exactly why students couldn't stay in the dorm during construction.
Below: Two workers rebuild the concrete walls after installing new wiring.



Above middle: A view of Roy and Sue Kidd Way from Clay Hall shows the chain-link fences and deeply dug trenches that temporarily impede students.
Above: Blueprints for the new science building show a state-of-the-art facility coming to Eastern.
Left: The squeaky clean Tech Commons in Powell celebrated its grand opening in November.

mission: Maroon

Colonel Homecoming Weekend

Homecomings theme this year was 2007 Mission: Maroon.

The festivities of Homecoming kicked off on the morning of Saturday, October 20 at 11 a.m. with a parade, which was led by the Homecoming 5K race participants.

The parade featured more than 20 floats with either James Bond or Army themes.

The floats and the racers followed a path to downtown Richmond, where windows of local businesses were decorated in support of the Eastern football team.

The Alpha Gamma Delta sorority won the Paint the Town Maroon window-decorating contest by covering Curriers Music Worlds windows with a painting of a Colonel football player and a captive audience.

After leaving downtown, the parade came back to campus, where each residence hall decorated its lawn. Burnam Hall won.

Parade goers, fans and even some tailgaters headed over to Roy Kidd stadium at 3 p.m. to watch the Colonels face off against the Tennessee State University Tigers.

At halftime, Todd Crumbacker, of Lambda Chi Alpha, and Allison Hammer, who was nominated by Phi Delta Theta, were crowned the 2007 Homecoming King and Queen.

The Colonels then went on to clinch a victory against TSU with a score of 49-7.

Mission accomplished.

Above: Todd Crumbacker of Lambda Chi Alpha was chosen 2007 Homecoming King alongside Homecoming Queen Allison Hammer, who was nominated by Phi Delta Theta. Left: The Colonel encourages spectators to cheer at the Homecoming game against the Tennessee State Tigers.

Above: The Homecoming 5K Run lead the parade through campus and downtown Richmond on the morning of Homecoming. Far right: Jonny Keane, a junior political science major from Edgewood, cooks burgers while participating in other tailgagte activities. Middle right: Jason Hinds, a junior graphic design major from [illegible] Clark, a junior sign language major from Louisville, and Shelbi Harris, a senior graphic design major from Columbus, dance on Lancaster Avenue during the Homecoming Parade.

EASTERN KENTUCKY
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Above: The Eastern Marching Band heads to the stadium for the Homecoming football game. Left: Olin Barksdale, a construction management graduate, and Robert Lee, a junior criminal justice major from Richmond, Va., take a break from tailgating.

HALLOWE

Best Overall

Right: Students dressed in their most creative ways to compete for awards at the Halloween Ball. Below: The Older Wiser Learners (OWLS) organization sold roses for students to give to their favorite Valentine.

VALENTINE'S DAY

Don't forget!!!

Holidays ▸▸ *away from home*

Colleges across the world celebrate holidays and Eastern is no different.

When October rolls around, you can overhear conversations about costumes and parties. Halloween is no longer just for kids. Eastern students love to dress up in funny, hoochie and sometimes disturbing costumes and prance around from bar to bar.

This year, Student Activities Council hosted its second annual Halloween Ball on Oct. 30. Students could pick up free tickets in the SGA office.

The Keen Johnson ballroom was decorated and filled with free snacks and drinks for attendees. Students could come in the finest costume and enter the costume contests with categories like best overall costume, best group costume, the scariest costume and the most original costume.

The next big holiday in the school year is Thanksgiving. Dining services hosted a food drive for the Richmond Salvation Army. People could bring in certain canned foods so that people who came to the soup kitchen would have food on Thanksgiving Day. And while many students went home for Turkey Day and binged, students could grab an early Thanksgiving dinner at the Fresh Food Company upstairs in the Powell Building.

Christmas rang in loudly this year with concert after concert in or around campus. The choirs and orchestras from the music department performed a holiday concert, including a rendition of Handel's *Messiah*. The choirs also performed at the 37th annual Madrigal Feast. Tickets were $25 and the evening began with a seven-course meal. Following dinner, the singers put on a concert for attendees. Singer Natalie Cole came to Richmond for a concert at St. Mark Catholic Church. Cole performed Christmas carols and her original works. But the Christmas music didn't stop there. The Office of Student Life brought Big Bad Voodoo Daddy to Richmond to give concert-goers a little Christmas swing music.

After all that music, cheer and Christmas ham over Christmas break, students came back ready to fulfill their New Year's resolutions. The Fitness and Wellness Center started the "New Year, New You" challenge where people could track their exercise and health regimens and earn points to win prizes.

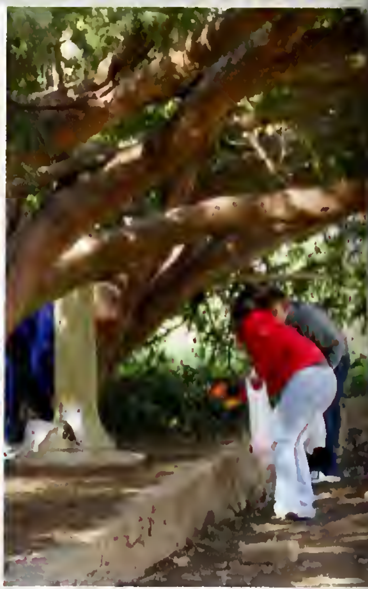
After getting all healthy, it was time for chocolates and other candy. Valentine's Day was a huge hit on campus with the Fresh Food Company hosting a couples-only dinner. Students could send candy or rose grams by signing up at tables on Powell Corner. The Older Wiser Learners were even selling roses to students who forgot to go to the florist.

And with April came Easter egg hunts, including the Easter Eggstravaganza at Irvine-McDowell Park the weekend after Easter. Students and community members alike joined in on the festivities.

Holidays at Eastern were full of fun, food, music and love. That's what holidays are made of.

HALLOWEEN

Left: Crystal Barnett creates her own version of returning from the grave with this inventive costume.
Above: Party-goers dance while dressed in their Halloween best.



Top: Kim Hagen, Kerrie Ann Bal and Emily Bishop search through their eggs to find prizes. Above: The choirs and orchestra perfom a Christmas concert together. Above right: Students look under a tree in the Ravine for Easter eggs. Right: A dozen roses await someone's arms. Far right: EKU alum Kerry Patten, EKU student Lesli Grider and Lesli's sister Robyn Grider are excited about their Easter egg prizes.

Rht: James Lee Webb, Sheena Wyatt, shley Borden and Ryan Cornell take ne from dancing to pose for a picture at the Halloween Ball.
low: Students line up in preparation for the Easter Eggstravaganza.
ottom right: Roses are being sold at vell Corner to students who failed to plan ahead.

EASTER

{ MOM for president }

▶▶ *Ms. Clinton stumps for Mrs. Clinton*

The month of May is rarely the setting for national political turmoil, but then, neither is Kentucky. Kentucky's presidential primary comes late in the election season, which means that the nominees for both the Republican and Democratic parties are almost always confirmed prior to the vote in the Bluegrass; but not in 2008.

This year, Sen. Hillary Clinton from New York and Sen. Barack Obama from Illinois have been on a political carousel, trading blows in an effort to become the Democratic presidential nominee for the 2008 race to the White House. Their prolonged battle has brought welcome attention to Kentucky, whose presidential primary often carries little significance. With no definite front-runner, Kentucky's primary on May 20 could prove to be the knockout punch for one of the two remaining candidates.

While both candidates have established campaign headquarters in major Kentucky cities, Clinton comes into the state with some ground to make up. She's behind Obama in the delegate count, the national popular vote and does not have the momentum she'd like. But she's not giving up, and her daughter Chelsea was at Eastern to stump on her behalf in the Powell Student Center on May 8.

Former first-daughter Chelsea Clinton has become a political celebrity for her mother's campaign, so students were excited upon hearing about her stop at Eastern.

"A chance to see Chelsea is just terrific," said Jason Ross, a senior finance major from London. "I've been a huge supporter of the whole Clinton family since I was about 14 I think."

Junior political science major Brad Harn from Flemingsburg was looking forward to hearing direct words from the campaign about Hillary's strategy for winning the election despite being so far behind in the delegate and popular vote count.

"Mathematically, it's virtually impossible for her to win, but party rules say she can stay [in the race] so I support that," Harn said.

Harn's concerns are legitimate. Statistically speaking, Hillary would need to win more than 85% of the vote in each of the remaining primaries (including Kentucky's) to catch Obama in the delegate count. But that didn't stop students from attending the event, nor did it stop professors.

Jerry Thomas, a political science instructor and Clinton supporter, said he was thrilled to have Chelsea at Eastern.

"She's a fantastic ambassador for the Clinton campaign," Thomas said. "She's very well-spoken and very knowledgeable about the issues."

Still, other students were more apathetic about the event, like freshman computer science major Kenny McQueen from Irvine.

"I just came up for pizza and found myself here," he said.

McQueen is a registered Republican, but said that he agreed with a lot of what former president Bill Clinton and Sen. Hillary Clinton have accomplished. Other students were less receptive, like Students for Barack Obama member and EKU Democrat Luke Morgan, a freshman history major from Lexington. After Chelsea spoke, Morgan said he was less than impressed.

"I think they gave Chelsea a fairly easy ride in the questioning," Morgan said. "Most of what she was saying was just too unrealistic."

Chelsea Clinton covered a variety of issues during the roughly two-hour question and answer session, ranging from education reform, immigration, health care, energy policies and the war in Iraq. She also discussed Hillary's strategy for the upcoming weeks.

"I don't see past Tuesday in West Virginia or Kentucky," Chelsea said. "Seventeen million Americans have yet to vote and anything can happen."

She outlined many issues in detail, focusing on how Sen. Clinton was preparing to pay for the reforms in question. Her financial solutions mostly comprised of granting low-income families tax credits and breaks, while raising the taxes of those in the highest brackets.

Like Morgan, Meg Gunderson, a professor in the Women and Gender Studies program, said that while Chelsea gave a lot of good, thorough information, the plans seemed a bit idealistic.

Gunderson said she felt that Chelsea targeted her audience well, speaking to issues that college students can relate to, like education reform and high gas prices. She added that she would have liked to see Chelsea challenged more on her mother's ability to gain bipartisan support and work with Congress.

But the real question is, did Chelsea's influence sway any voters away from the undecided camp?

Jonathan Boyd, a December graduate from Paintsville with a degree in philosophy, said he was on-the-fence before the event, and still on-the-fence afterward.

"Her ideas on education reform were pretty convincing," Boyd said, but added that he was still undecided overall. "I'm going to do a little more homework."

Regardless of what students thought of Chelsea's visit, the recurring theme of the event was pride in the value of Kentucky's primary this year.

"It's just positive for Kentucky to have a primary that counts," Harn said.

Thomas echoed Harn's words.

"It's great that Kentucky is not ignored this time around."

Above: State Representative Harry Moberly Jr. welcomes the former first-daughter to EKU.

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Above: Chelsea Clinton tells the audience why they should vote for her mother.

Above: The [illegible] students pack the cafeteria in anticipation for Ms. Clinton's speech.

coffee craving

For most students, the average morning consists of a tap on the snooze button, a groan on the way down the dorm stairs and a hunt for the perfect cup of coffee.

Fortunately, students dont have to search too hard for the ultimate cup of Joe. Campus and the city of Richmond offer an array of cafés.

Java City

It's the name that's branded on the side of several students' coffee cups. Java City has earned a lot of faithful customers because of its most promising feature: a convenient location.

"I come here all the time because it's on campus," said LeeAnn Jones, a junior communication disorders major.

According to Susan Padgett, the retail manager for Eastern dining services, that same convenience will continue to draw students to the on-campus coffee spots.

"Java City is convenient for students because it's right on campus and students have to drive to get to other coffee shops around town," Padgett said.

The lone Java City shop can be found in the library.

"The library café is the most popular among students because several students have classes in that area and it tends to be quieter," Padgett said.

But those study sessions are often interrupted by the classmate, the old suitemate or the ex-boyfriend who passes through Java City at least twice a day. Still, some students enjoy a break from studying every now and then.

"It's quiet, but not too quiet," Jones said.

Still, Padgett said the most appealing aspect of Java City is the variety of drinks and treats available to customers.

Java City has espresso favorites such as cappuccinos and café lattes. The on-campus café also houses teas, hot chocolate, brewed coffee and ice-coffee drinks.

And, of course, there is the non-coffee drinker's favorite fix: the smoothie. Java City offers yogurt, fruit juice, low-calorie and tropical smoothies. Flavors range from peachy pineapple to orange sunrise.

While renovations erased the food court Java City from campus, officials unveiled a new eatery to pick up a cup of caffeine, Einstein Bros. Bagels. The shop is located in the Moore Building and is open Monday to Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. The coffee is under $2 and the shop offers sandwiches and, of course, bagels, according to an article from *The Eastern Progress*.

Starbucks on the Eastern Bypass

The stereotypical Starbucks experience requires an exhausting wait in line and a lot of cash for 16 ounces of coffee. But that didnt exactly dampen the anticipation for the city's newest coffee house in 2006.

"I've been waiting for Starbucks since I've been in Richmond," said human services graduate student Matt Waitkus.

"Starbucks unlocked its doors Oct. 27 and had the biggest opening in the region," said Melissa White, a Starbucks supervisor. And, before long, college students did catch on to that atmosphere.

The new Starbucks is immersed in a low-key, subdued atmosphere that boasts jazzy background music and a rich, java aroma. Two-seater tables sit in clusters throughout the store and some lounge on the porch outside. Some cushioned chairs congregate near the back of the shop.

Some people prefer to grab their cups of Joe and hit the road. For these on-the-run customers, Starbucks opened a drive-thru.

Starbucks offers a variety of espressos, frappucinos, teas and juice blends. The café Americano is a perfect blend of coffee and milk, and the banana coconut frappucino is a surprisingly tasty combination of coffee and fruits. White said many customers opt to make their own drink by mixing coffees, flavors and espresso shots.

And, during the spring 2008 semester, students were still awaiting the arrival of the promised Starbucks on campus. Campus officials said Starbucks is on its way to Eastern, but they are not sure the exact date of its arrival.

My Time Coffee & Tea

My Time Coffee & Tea, which is located behind Taco Bell on the bypass, opened in June 2007. And employees were banking on college students business.

"I wouldnt be surprised if they extend the hours a little bit (when classes start)," said Joe Wood, an Eastern student and employee at the coffee shop.

Many college students mingle with dates or friends over cappuccinos and chai teas. Some sit alone with textbooks or laptops, while others venture to coffee shops for entertainment.

My Time Coffee & Tea have also built a patio that will serve as a stage for live music.

"People can pull up cars or hang out in the back of trucks," Wood said.

The shop also is considering placing cornhole boards on the deck.

As coffee shops continue to spring up around Richmond, many students are anticipating their next jolt of java.

But, according to Todd Hines, college students' dependence on coffee is not a problem.

Hines works at a rehabilitation center, and he says that, compared with alcohol, coffee is an excellent beverage in which to invest.

"Alcohol can get you into trouble," Hines said. "Very few people have been arrested for drinking too much coffee."

STARBUCKS
COFFEE
STARBUCKS
COFFEE

hand roasted
Java City TM
fine coffee

Top: Starbucks is a top hangout for coffee-goers, located next to Ryan's on the Eastern Bypass. Above and left: Starbucks is the heavyweight in the coffee industry, but on Eastern's campus Java City holds the belt. Java City is located inside the Crabbe Library.

Cynthia Chang, a sophomore nursing major, enthusiastically presents her vagina monologue.

ve: Megan Goble, a junior education major, delivers vagina tale with arms wide open.

Above: The three monologue leaders, as they could be called, sit back and relax while a fellow cast member performs her monologue.

ve: Kierra Joseph, a junior child and family studies major, s her monologue with a hint of attitude.

"My vagina..."

Sponsored by Eastern's Womens Studies program

The Vagina Monologues

Coochie Snorcher, down there, va jay jay or whatever you call your vagina, was the main attraction at The Vagina Monologues.

On Feb. 28 and 29, the Womens Studies program put on its fifth production of the play in the O'Donnell Auditorium with great success.

The production usually runs three nights, but this year ran only two. Marta Miranda, the director of Women's Studies, said it didn't affect the turnout.

"We're pretty sold out," Miranda said.

"The tryouts are where the seats were left empty," Miranda said. "We had a lot less people interested in acting, a lot were really finding their voice on stage raw talent."

The Vagina Monologues is different every year. There are more than 200 monologues to choose from and the setting is up to the cast. This year, a coffee house theme set the stage.

The director of this years production, Elizabeth DeSanto, a junior English literature and women's studies major, was thrilled about the performance.

"It's like I just had a child," DeSanto said.

DeSanto said she is so proud of the cast and the effort they put into the production.

"They all worked so freakin' hard," DeSanto said.

touched by *fellowship*

Connections are what *drive* us as people.

We *long* for human interaction and a place to belong.

In high school, it was hard to find a place where you fit in.

At college, there are many more ***opportunities*** to find others that *share* the same interests you do. You will find these opportunities in the campus' organizations. Organizations link members to each other and also to the university. Organizations provide events throughout the semester to foster fellowship and extend a hand of ***acceptance***.

From fraternal societies to career-oriented clubs to hobby groups, there is a group that suits *everyone*.

Greeks *give* back

Big Brothers, Big Sisters: One Big Community

Each year, sororities and fraternities devote thousands of dollars and countless hours to supporting different philanthropic causes. While much of this time is spent actually working hands-on through programs such as Habitat for Humanity or Cheer for the Cure, each group sponsors several events during the year to raise money for their cause.

The members of the Sigma Nu fraternity organize the Sigma Nu Charity Bowl. The Bowl is a Greek basketball game in which fraternities and sororities are divided into North and South All-Star teams. All money raised through the event goes to the Christopher Reeves Foundation.

When spring finally rolls around every year, fraternity men get excited about one annual event more than anything else. Pi Beta Phi began hosting Frats at Bat in 2004, and it has been a hit ever since. Frats at Bat is a two-day double-elimination softball tournament. Money raised goes to literacy efforts through the Arrowmont Settlement School in Gatlinburg, Tenn.

Everyone in the Greek community looks forward to Sigma Chi Derby Days. This is a two-day event in which sororities compete in events ranging from tug-o-war to an obstacle course. The event raises money for the Children's Miracle Network.

One event that is highly-anticipated among fraternities and sororities alike is the AOPi Lip Sync. During this annual competition, participants perform a dance routine while lip-syncing to music. Awards are given to the top three winners and to the most original in both the sorority and fraternity groups. Money made from entry fees is donated to arthritis research, Alpha Omicron Pis national philanthropy.

Pi Kappa Alpha hosts their Pike Dream Girl pageant every year to raise money for its philanthropy. Every sorority participates in events throughout the week, including penny wars on Powell Corner and banner competitions. At the pageant, the winner is determined based in part on participation.

Alpha Gamma Delta supports its philanthropy by hosting the Alpha Gam Slam every year. The Alpha Gam Slam is an annual volleyball tournament open to mens and womens teams across campus. The money raised goes directly to the Alpha Gam Foundation.

While the individual groups raise money for their own philanthropies, the Greek community bonds together at several events during the year to raise money for a common cause.

During Greek Week 2008, every Greek organization helped raise money for Big Brothers Big Sisters. To do this, fraternity and sorority members took part in a blood drive, a dance marathon and a can castle competition. Lines at the blood drive were actually so long that many participants waited upwards of two hours, and some couldnt even give because participation was so great.

Regardless of whether they are playing softball, lip-syncing or donating cans, one thing is certain Greeks play a huge part in philanthropic efforts at Eastern.

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Center Right: Thing One and Thing Two plunge during the Polar Bear Plunge to support Special Olympics. Right: Alpha Phi Omega advisor, Patrick Puckett, paints clouds on the wall of the entrance to the Telford YMCA.

YMCA project

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THING

Polar Bear Plunge

Left: Kappa Delta Tau members plunge during the Polar Bear Plunge at Applebee's Park to support Special Olympics. Below: Sorority members show off their Macarena moves at this year's first dance marathon during Greek Week.

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Left: Luke McCain [illegible] paint the tree at [illegible] YMCA. Abo[illegible] on one of [illegible] [illegible] trees [illegible]

It's a GREEK thing

Greek Week 2008 was a memorable time for all involved.

The week started with a can castle contest in Powell. Sororities and fraternities were paired up and judged based on who could bring the most cans and design the best edifice.

Former Kentucky Gov. Martha Layne Collins gave an inspirational speech Monday night in Brock Auditorium to really get the week rolling. Collins talked about her experiences, including bringing Toyota to Kentucky and having tea with the Queen of England.

Tuesday brought the Dance Marathon to Keen Johnson. The event lasted five hours. Greeks enjoyed free wings and pizza, and contested who could Walk it Out the best.

The faculty and community appreciation luncheon took place Wednesday despite a snow delay. Representatives from each chapter brought boards explaining their philanthropies, and spoke with various community and faculty members about their Greek experience.

Thursday was the blood drive, which was so popular some students were asked to wait more than two hours, and the Kids Carnival at Mayfield Elementary. Sororities and fraternities were paired and asked to come up with creative games for the children.

Saturday started the real fun, though. Greek Games were Saturday morning and tested chapters in contests such as the Greek god and goddess competition, the human pyramid contest, tug-o-war and a relay for all of the presidents.

Alpha Omicron Pi and Lambda Chi Alpha took first place awards for the Greek Games.

Chapters were given just a few hours to rest before Greek Sing in Brock Auditorium Saturday evening.

Each chapter was assigned a movie genre to portray. Themes ranged from the Wild West and sci-fi to romance and animation.

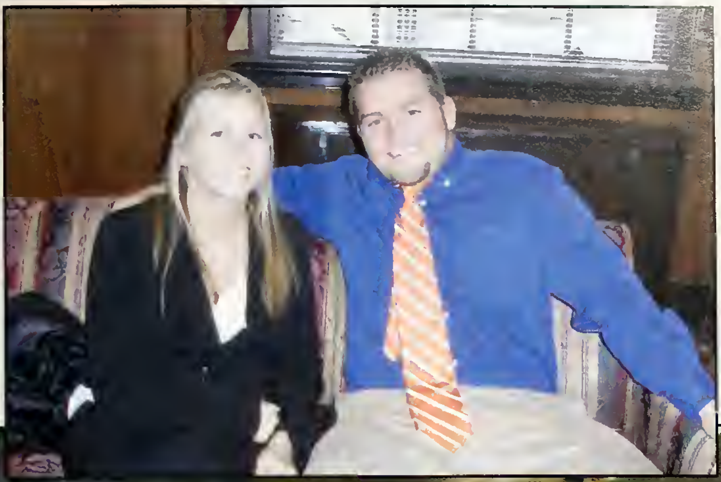
While each act was thoroughly entertaining, Chi Omega and Lambda Chi Alpha took home the first place award for their rendition of horror films.

Greek Week wrapped up Sunday with a leadership award ceremony. Many awards were given out and chapters were given a chance to celebrate their achievements over the last year.

Pi Beta Phi and Beta Theta Pi won the most improved chapter awards, while Delta Zeta and Sigma Chi won the Distinguished Service Awards.

After the ceremony, chapter executive councils were invited to the Keen Johnson Building, where they enjoyed a formal dinner and a night to relax after the long week.

Surely Greek Week 2009 will have a hard time standing up to the fun chapters had during Greek Week 2008.



Far left: Kappa Delta's Laura White and Rachel Hunt show off their sorority's philanthropy.
Left: Ashley Weckback and Billy Bowman take a break from a very busy week. Below: Teams of fraternities and sororities built can castles in the Powell Student Center at the beginning of Greek Week.

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Lookin' for a THROW DOWN

By Chad L. Hutchison

Left: Front Row (Left to Right); Alan Maynard Yellow Belt, Peter Snelgrove Yellow, Kyle Reams Yellow.
Back Row; Charles Ward, Sensei (Coach), Black, Stephen Payne Brown, Jose Monsegue Black, John Rogers Brown.

I love the sport of mixed martial arts.

Before most American's knew about the Ultimate Fighting Championship, I was watching and learning. I took my first Brazilian jiu-jitsu class at Eastern in 2002. Since then, I've had five years of training in BJJ and muay thai. I have mixed my martial arts. That is why I jumped at the chance to write a story about Eastern's Judo Club.

Eastern's Judo Club has been in existance since 1978, making it one of the oldest club sports on campus. Every Monday and Tuesday at 6 p.m. in the the Begley building they meet for practice. For at least an hour, sounds of grunts, heavy breathing, bodies smaking mats and laughter can be heard coming from Begley 106, the room the Judo club calls home.

Judo is very applicable for MMA. It works both offensively and defensively, and many judo practitioners have gone far in the UFC. Judo focuses on throws, takedowns, locks and no not chops. Unlike karate, judo works in a real fight.

Eastern's team may be small, but they fight. They compete and, according to Charles Ward, Easterns judo sensei, they have even trained and produced secret service agents.

Judo is a tough sport. Teddy Roosevelt practiced judo nearly 100 years ago and could probably kick any other American president's ass because of it.

I arrived at 6 p.m. for practice, and was invited in warmly. The students taught me the appropriate salutes, we had a brief stretch and then it was on.

Sensei Ward taught a move to trip the other person and put them on their back. We then practiced hip throws, double leg takedowns, leg sweeps and numerous trips.

I was having fun the whole time, too. There is no other feeling in the world like the feeling of controlling another persons body with the force of your own and in the same respect, that feeling of being able to stop someone elses force from controlling you is very empowering.

After about an hour of practice, we were allowed to put it all together and spar. It was fun. Sure, I got my butt kicked a couple of times and was forced to tap out, but I also returned the favor. I really did learn from the practice and enjoyed the night.

There were no balls, no sticks, no hoops, no lines. It is human versus human, and twice a week this sport of skill and power is practiced in the Begley building.

Top: Richie Haehn, Kristy Hopf, Megan Thomayer, Rachael Meier, Angie Zoller and Tyler Blythe accept an award in September 2007.
Top right: SAA poses in the Powell Building.
Above Megan Tomayer, Jackie Lazaro, Leslie Curtis, Bridget Mustard, and Amanda Wilson represent SAA at districts.
Right: SAA members get together for an '80s roller skating pary.

SAA makes CONNECTIONS for the future

"The time and effort SAA contributes to Eastern Kentucky University can be seen as nothing but an extremely prestigious organization."

- Senior ambassador Drew Brubaker

Interplanetary Body Gear

Student Alumni Ambassadors, otherwise known as SAA, is unfortunately one of the organizations on campus that most students overlook and forget about when searching for a group to call their own.

Every semester SAA delivers brochures and letters to hundreds of students on campus who have qualified, by their grade point average, to apply to be an ambassador. What the hundreds of students don't know is the great amounts of prestige that the organization has and the opportunity that they really are missing out on.

SAA works with the past, present and future people of Eastern Kentucky. Drew Brubaker, a senior who has been an ambassador for two-and-a-half years, explained that the prestige of the group comes from just that.

"The prestige of SAA comes from the large amounts of influence it has on past, present and future alumni, students and faculty," Brubaker said. "The time and effort SAA contributes to Eastern Kentucky University can be seen as nothing but an extremely prestigious organization."

Richie Haehn, a junior who has been an ambassador for a year, said that the organization's prestige comes from our highly selective recruitment process and our constant professional attitude and presentation in all that we do.

Members work within the campus, by creating T-shirts and even ushering at basketball games, to enhance the running of the campus' daily activities. However, they also serve in the President's Box at football games, and host banquets for the schools alumni. Brubaker really enjoys the dinner banquets for the alumni.

"The dinners allow me to meet and converse with previous EKU students about their experiences and life decisions," Brubaker said.

Jeremy Kilburn, a sophomore who has been a member for just a semester, has really enjoyed giving campus tours to prospective students.

"I find it fun to sell our campus to prospective students because I know how much they will love come to our school," Kilburn said.

Not only do these group of students spend a lot of time reaching out on campus, but they go beyond the campus and into the surrounding community.

The group visits the children at Shriners Hospital each year. Marie Patterson, a freshman at Eastern and a newly-admitted member of SAA, said the visit is her favorite aspect of SAA.

"Going to Shriners as a group and playing UNO with the kids was fun and it meant so much to see them smile," Patterson said.

Their community outreach does not stop there.

Ashley Penn, a junior who has been a member for a year, said her favorite memory has been valet parking for a hospice dinner banquet event.

"I think the reason it was so much fun was that we had to tread through pouring rain to retrieve cars that were stuck in the mud," Penn said. "Being soaked and freezing to the bone in your best-dressed clothes with fellow SAA members nothing else compares."

The present ambassadors said that tossing out an invitation to SAA would mean tossing out a chance in making life-long best friends.

If you're looking to join a group you can be highly involved with, to gain some school pride or to find good college friends, then SAA is for you.

Stand up

and make a difference

Feel as though your relationships need a larger degree of shared affinity? Or, rather, more agreement of values, attitudes and beliefs?

It seems to become more difficult to find people, especially students, with similar political stances as you. However, not just political similarities are hard to find, but shared morality in general.

Individuality is becoming more apparent as being an important feature of one's life, and people are therefore creating more and unique ideas about the definitions of right and wrong.

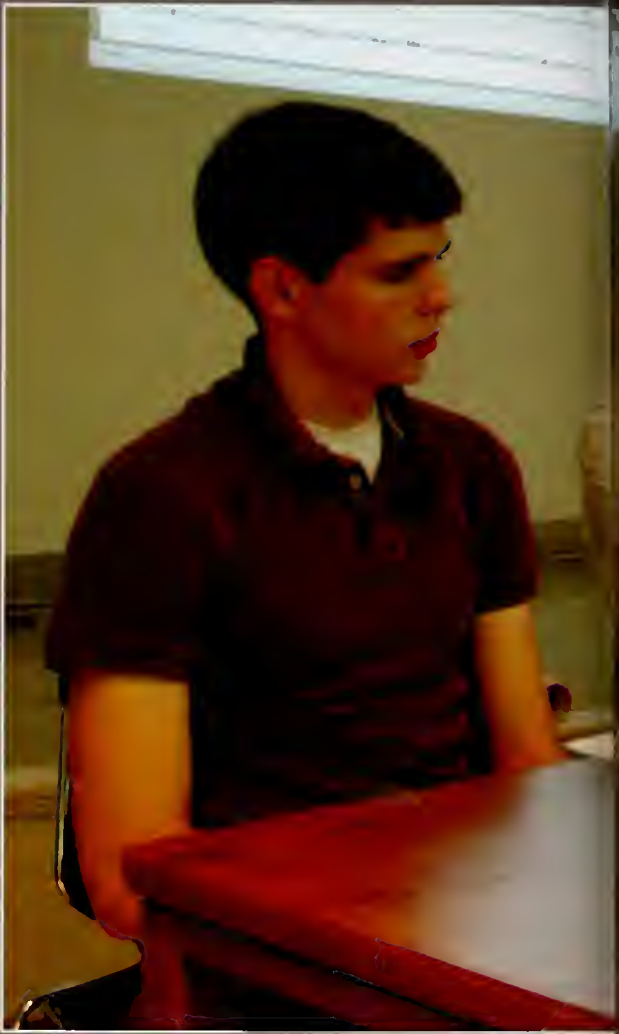
At Eastern's campus however, students are in the minority if they are unable to find friends with similar thoughts on such ideas. Students have taken it upon themselves to make groups to create an easier way to form contacts with people of such kinds of similarity.

It's incredible the number of groups you can find on Facebook and the type of information that is revealed concerning meeting times of the group and upcoming events to build a larger sense of community.

A few of these groups that can be found include The Greens, Unity08, and EKU Students for Ron Paul.

If such groups arent enough to satisfy, students cannot go through their days without passing a political flyer concerning an upcoming speech, or rally, or other varying events.

Keep your eyes open there are many ways to find friends with similar values as you.



Above: Luke Morgan and Ray Arnold, members of the EKU Democrats, spoke at the political debates in April.
Right: Crystal Arellano, the co-chair of Students for Social Consciousness, is a member of the EKU Greens.

EKU Democrats, EKU Greens and EKU College Republicans battle each
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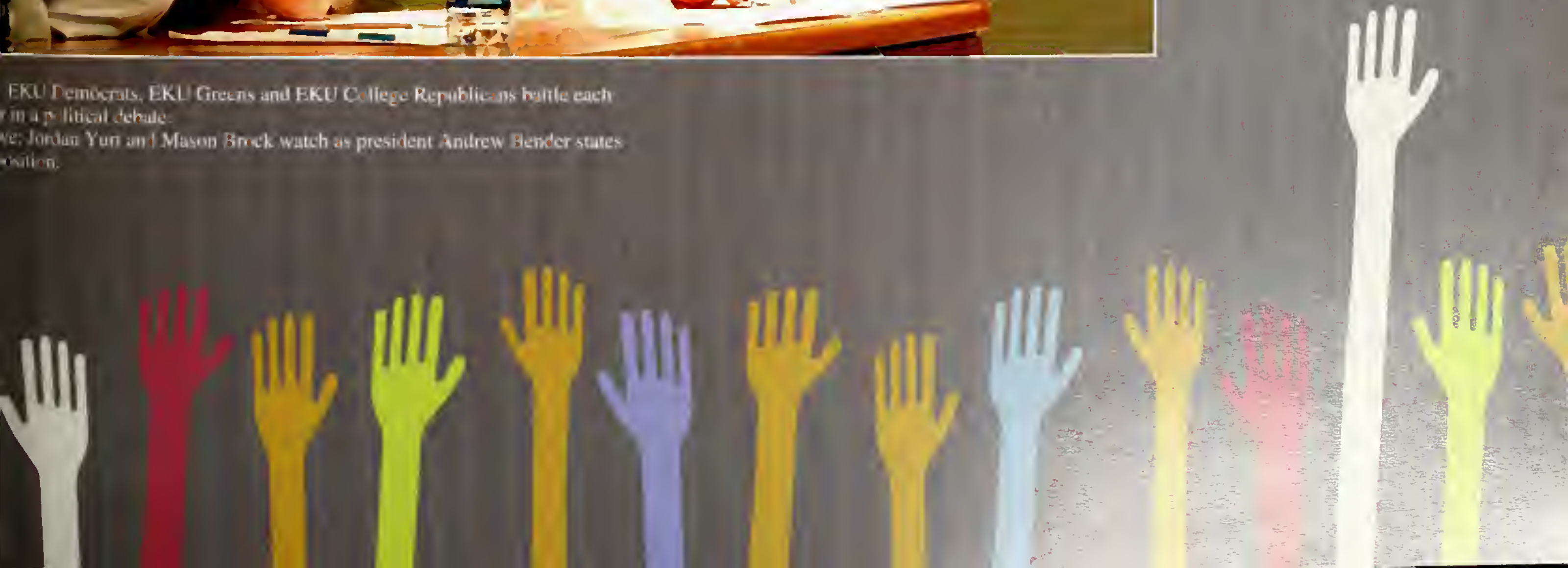

Right: Katherine Havens demonstrates a point on pets during her housing demonstration.

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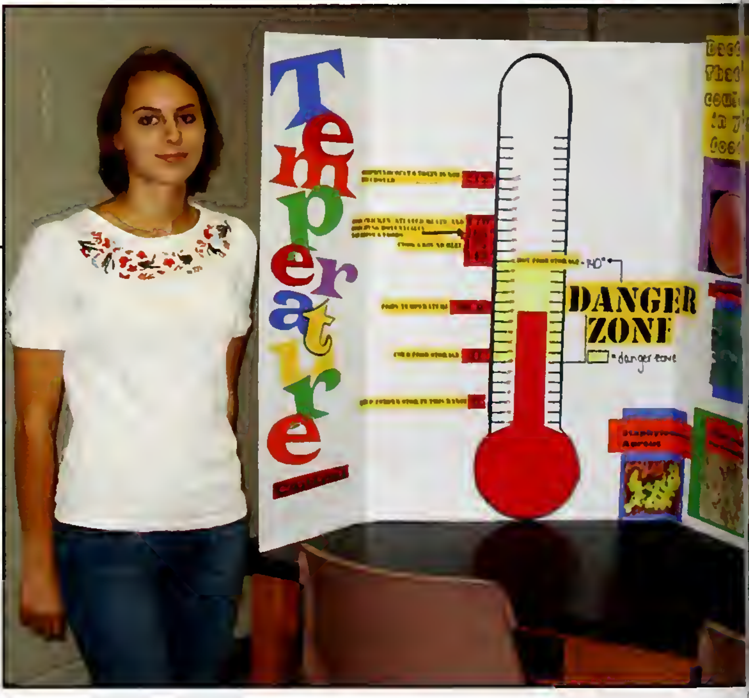
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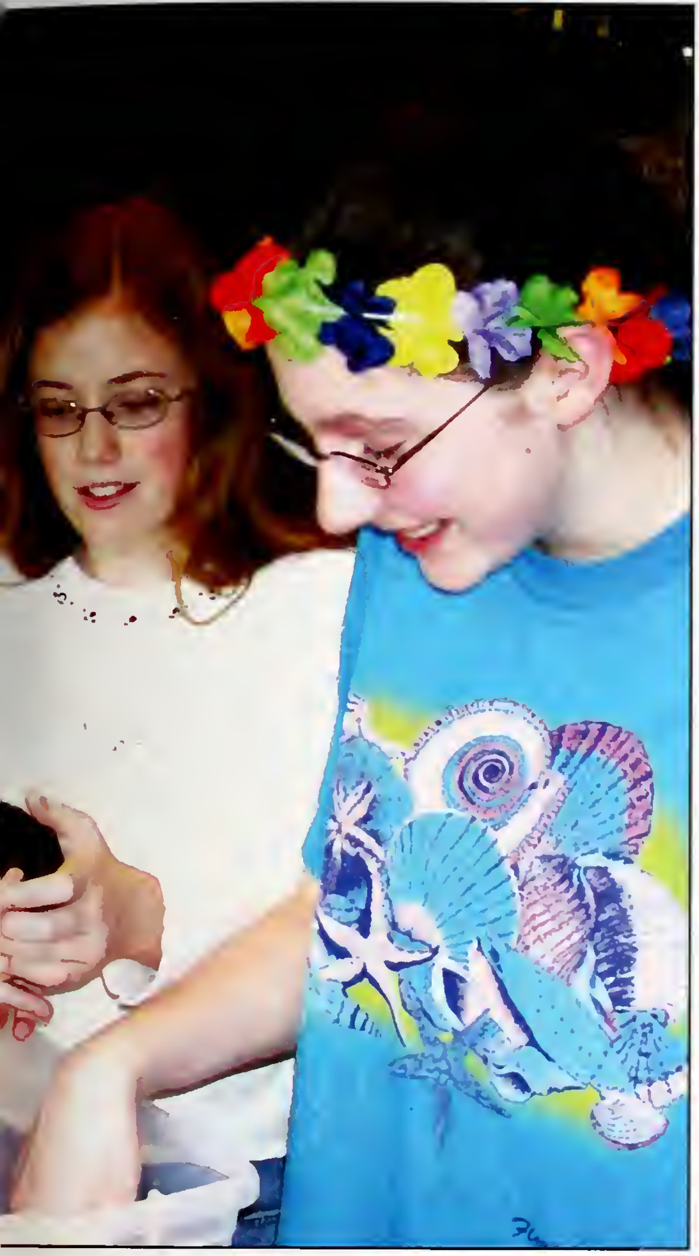
Above: Students displayed a water laboratory at the Kids Symposium.
Right: Brittany Elkins stands by one of her displays for her food presentation for the Kids Symposium.



WHY WE HAVE LAWS

Left: A display board discusses laws governing pollution. Below: Ruthann Chaplin assists students during her water presentation at the Kids Symposium.

They got it down to a science

"The key to these community events is to bring awareness at an early age as too the importance of being good stewards and to keeping our families safe."
-Ruthann Chaplin

Environmental Health Sciences Club is different from those who call themselves environmentalists in that the EHS club is concerned with the health of the population, and similar in that sometimes it is the environment that needs to be fixed or monitored to make sure people are protected from harm.

Here at Eastern, the EHS club is very committed to bringing awareness of the environment at an early age. This year, the club hosted a Kids Symposium for around 200 middle schools to show them various aspects of environmental health including housing, water, laws, food, air and safety.

The EHS club also helped 60 Girl Scout troops earn their environment merit badges. The club has participated in the 5K River Keepers race on Earth Day and other Earth Day activities.

This year the members have attended many conferences that specialize in their discipline. These conferences show them the best ways to make the most of their degree and find opportunities after college.

The members also put on a EHS symposium where public health and environmental health speakers from across the state.

Through these events, members learn how to be project managers and team players, and get a taste of what they will be doing for their careers.

SGA

branches out

The Student Government Association is the largest organization on campus, having the entire student body as members.

However, in SGA, there are 175 elected and appointed offices ranging from the SGA President, Student Senators, Student Court, Residence Life Council and the Student Activities Council.

These branches of SGA work together to bring about changes the student body would like to see at Eastern.

The number of programs SGA has sponsored or co-sponsored this year has been outstanding, topping more than 50 programs with more than 10,000 attendees.

SGA is not just focused on fun events for students; it also strives for the improvement of campus and the community. This year, SGA has put the finishing touches on the Colonel Path and renovations on the Herndon Lounge in the Powell Student Center.

SGA introduced legislation to amend the Dead Week policy. This would help students during the stressful times of exam season.

SGA also helps to fund Registered Student Organizations at the beginning of every semester during the distribution of grants. They distributed nearly $150,000 this year to various university offices and organizations.

All of this is truly outstanding when you consider that SGA is entirely run by students. Students organize programming and legislation to increase the betterment of the student body.

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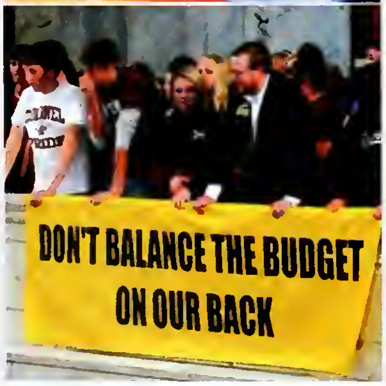
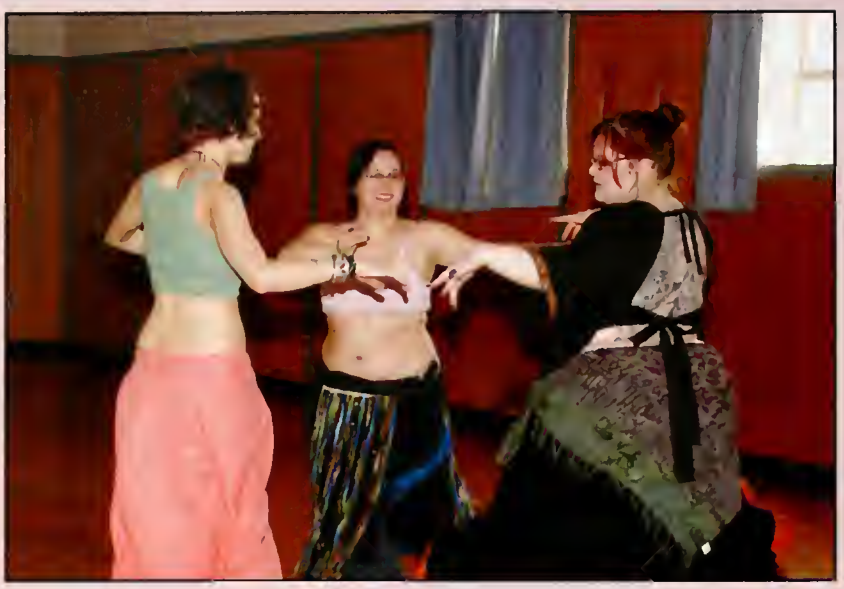


DON'T BALANCE THE BUDGET
ON OUR BACK

Right: One Republic rocked out the Ravine during the Crocs Campus Tour. Above top: Alban Holyoke and the Colonel pose with a capitol guard at the Rally for Higher Ed. Above center: Fabolous stole the show as opening act during the Crocs concert. Above: Students traveled to Frankfort for the Rally for Higher Education.

You bring the fun and they will come

Above: Hundreds cram into the damp Ravine to see the Crocs Campus Tour. Left: Dozens of Eastern students give their clothes to charity during the SAC-sponsored Undie Run.



Far right: Timikia Hibbard practices her hip shakes.
Right: Sarah Ellifritz, Maggie Cody and Leigh-Anna Donithan dance cricles round and round.

"It's *not* just about your **belly**."

Belly dancing isn't just about the sequins, pretty scarves and costumes that evoke images of *I Dream of Genie*.

And it sure isn't just about the belly.

This is one thing Eastern's Middle Eastern Dance Club aims to teach, not only to those who dance, but to those who watch.

The club was formed in the fall semester of 2006. One of the founders, Savannah Marlow, a senior English major from Richmond, is now the president and the director of the dance troupe.

Marlow said the club is all about exploring the Middle East's culture, music and dances.

"I guess you could say the MEDCC is a club (of) enthusiasts," Marlow said. "The club focuses mainly on Americanized tribal belly dance and hopes to find enough money to bring in instructors to teach Egyptian and cabaret styles."

The tribal style of dance on which the group focuses is based on improvisation.

"(It) tells a story and is very experimental, as well as controlled," Marlow added. "It's a showcase of how well you can control movement. Belly dance is sort of a misnomer. It's not just about your belly."

The tribal style of dance looks old and authentic, as the group uses authentic coins and props while dancing. But it's one of the newer forms of belly dance and can be traced to the 1970s.

Even if someone doesn't have any experience in dance, Marlow encourages people who are interested to join anyway.

"There are people who come to practices and have no belly dancing experience," Marlow said. "It's a whole new language."

By the end of last fall, there were seven people showing up regularly to practices. Marlow said one problem with the small numbers is the inconvenient meeting time and the fact that the group has to share space with other organizations on campus, such as the theater in Campbell and the dance studio.

"I hate that, but we have to find a time to practice," Marlow said.

Sarah Ellifritz, an English education major from Weston, W.V., is one of the original members of the club and was in the dance class that inspired the club with Marlow.

"I fell in love with the style and when Savannah approached the class about starting a club, I decided to join," Ellifritz said.

Both Ellifrtiz and Marlow said the best thing about the club is not only the way the dancers come together and form what Ellifritz calls a close-knit group, but what it does for women.

"It allowed women to have a space where they can come together, dancing for each other," Marlow said.

Marlow said there is no certain size or shape for the club.

"There's no limitation. There's no too old, too fat or too skinny," Marlow said.

With the negative attitude toward the Middle East pervading some parts of American culture, Marlow isn't surprised that some have a bad attitude about the club.

"I think that it's something that's out there," Marlow said. "There's a big cultural difference between us. It's hard to get past the violence. Sometimes you can tell someone is uncomfortable with the whole thing. We just try and educate people."

So what do the dancers of the club hope people will get out of watching a performance?

For Marlow, it's all about an attitude towards being a woman and women in general.

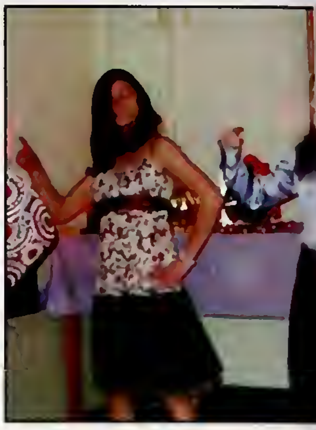
"I hope women have a sense that they don't have to look like Paris Hilton," Marlow said. "And for men to come away with a different attitude about what beautiful is."

Ellifritz hopes for a different attitude towards a form of dance that may have a stereotype on it.

"I hope the audience sees that it isn't a sexual form of dance and that it's about female bonding," she said. "It's a form for all sizes and ages."

Above: Sarah Ellifritz, Maggie Cody, Leigh-Anna Donithan get their groove on during practice.

Right: ISA members hang out before the disco party.
Below: People gather at the 21st annual international banquet.



Left: ISA members and other Eastern students dance at the disco party hosted by ISA.

Making a world of difference

The International Students Association has taken the lead in integrating diversity into the college experience of students all over campus.

The organization, home to about 60 of the 200 international students on campus, is a meeting place of American and international cultures.

"We try to connect international students with other students on campus, spread our cultures and introduce them to others," said Trang Pram, vice president of ISA. "Most international students are shy and ISA is the place where they can meet new people and make new friends."

Throughout the semester, ISA presents a number of events, both cultural and entertaining. Among the most popular is a banquet.

The main event is the international banquet, held annually in November.

"Four hundred and fifty people attend from the campus and community," said Beth Blanchard, the coordinator of international services. "Students cook authentic dishes from their home countries, decorate and present a program of singing and dancing, and a spectacular fashion show of their national dress. The event is completely student planned and presented. They work very hard to make it memorable."

Besides entertaining, ISA also does its share of charitable work. This spring, they held a formal, something everyone hopes will become an annual tradition. The spring formal raised $700 in ticket sales, all of which were donated to the American Red Cross.

The International Students Association is a great benefit to all students who choose to share in their message of diversity and acceptance. It has proven to be a useful tool in bringing the world into our backyard.

Students interested in learning more can go online to *www.isa.eku.edu.*

Above: Thomas Wilson and Sachin Pandley hang out with ISA

Getting *involved* says it all

Eastern Kentucky University is home to more than 170 organizations, divided into nine categories: Activity/Interest, Club Sports, Departmental, Honorary, Religious, Residence Hall Councils, Service, Social Fraternities and Social Sororities. These organizations are very active on campus. They bring uniqueness. They extend a helping hand in challenging situations, provide a place to make friends, get connected and find a home at Eastern.

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Student Court

National Panhellenic Council

Residence Life Council

Exercise Sport Science Association

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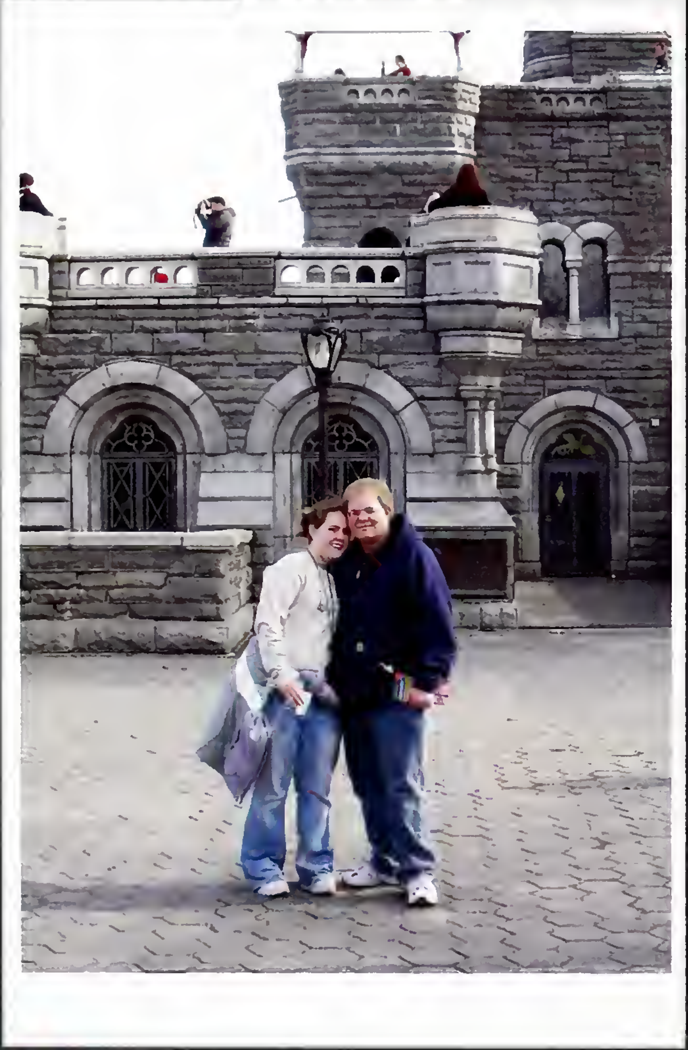
College is what you make it.

It's not easy to force yourself to go to class all those days or ***study*** all those nights, but you do it anyway. You do it because nothing is more ***important*** than your ***future***, and the path to a ***bright*** future runs through ***Eastern***. No matter what you take away from your time at EKU, make sure you take a diploma.

There's no greater ***reward*** for all your hard work.

Left: Kayla Rose beams in front of Lady Liberty on the program' 2008 trip to New York City.
Bottom Left: Chris Marcum and Krystal Miller, both seniors, pose at Belvedere Castle in Central Park on their last honors winter trip.
Bottom Right: Dr. Bruce MacLaren, an integral part of EKU's Honors Program, waits patiently at the 2007 National Honors Conference in Denver.
Below: The honors program hosts a Halloween cookout each year at a farm near Union City. Viking helmets are optional.



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>
> \- Ada Long, honors program director at the UAB

The EKU Honors Program

20 Years of *Excellence* in Education

Established in 1988, the Eastern Kentucky University Honors Program makes the best intellectual resources available to a group of broadly talented and motivated students. The program, designed for promising students who seek a strong grounding in the liberal arts along with their more specialized major, is celebrating 20 years on Eastern's campus.

The honors program Web site informs that the 28-credit-hour program includes coursework in the humanities, social sciences and natural sciences, with emphasis on effective communication, development of critical thinking skills and integration of knowledge across all academic disciplines. It offers an especially challenging academic program, including a senior thesis and extracurricular activities that enhance classroom activities.

The director of the honors program, Bonnie Gray, has worked tirelessly to develop Eastern's honors program into one of the best in the country and is retiring in May 2008 after 34 years of service to the university. Gray, the program's only director, started working with the honors program in 1988 with an initial enrollment of 36 students; today, the program has more than 600.

"If the students of Eastern are to realize their academic potential, they need courses and seminars which are challenging and rigorous enough to push them toward a greater depth of understanding than is expected in regular classes," Gray said.

In 2002, Ada Long, director of the honors program at the University of Alabama at Birmingham and an approved site visitor for the National Collegiate Honors Council, said Eastern's honors program is well-rounded.

"The National Collegiate Honors Council has developed a list of 16 basic characteristics of a fully-developed honors program and all the essential components of a successful honors program are firmly in place at Eastern," Long said. "Of the 19 site visits I have made to universities throughout the United States, my visit to Eastern Kentucky University was the most gratifying."

Dr. Bonnie Gray has built an outstanding honors program at EKU and she has built it on solid ground. She is the architect and resident genius of the program. The high quality and satisfaction of the students, the excitement and loyalty of the faculty and the moral support of the administration are all excellent indicators of the present and future strength of the program.

Gray states that a distinctive feature of Eastern's honors program is the enthusiasm of its faculty and the fact that many courses are team-taught by teachers from different disciplines. Such an approach contributes to the integration that is a major part of the program as a whole and is beneficial to new honors program faculty.

Team-teaching also allows students to observe how ideas become improved when approached from two different perspectives. Currently, 25 Eastern professors participate in the honors program, in addition to their regular teaching responsibilities, and more than 250 Eastern faculty have mentored senior theses students during its 20-year history.

"The level of enthusiasm and commitment of the honors faculty at EKU is the highest I have ever witnessed," Long said. "Typically when faculty members are invited to meet with an outside evaluator, five or six show up; over 35 showed up at EKU and all expressed excitement about the students and the teaching opportunities in the honors program."

Even though most honors students' schedules are demanding, they still find time for fun. Honors program students enjoy educational field trips and other extracurricular activities, and participate in state, regional and national conferences throughout the academic year.

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'Personal and professional relationships that last a lifetime.'

- EKU Honors Program director Bonnie Gray

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Eastern routinely sends more honors program students to the National Honors Conference each fall than any other institution in the country. "Most schools send two or three students," Gray said. In 2007, Eastern sent 90 faculty and students to the fall conference held in Denver, Colo.

Another feature of Eastern's honors program that makes it unique is that many honors students elect to live in Sullivan Hall. Sullivan Hall is a facility that is dedicated to resident living for honors students. Living in the same dormitory allows students to communicate on a daily basis outside the classroom setting.

A general consensus of the students living in Sullivan Hall is that whether they are working on class assignments, honors program projects or just hanging out, living in the same facility adds to the family-like atmosphere of the EKU Honors Program.

"It's hard to imagine not living in Sullivan Hall," said Josh Sparks, a junior mathematics and sociology major from Olive Hill. "It's like having a residence hall where everyone has the same minor, so that each person can relate to the late-night source analysis writing and mid-semester panels."

"Because of its connection to the honors program, I think Sullivan Hall helps bridge gaps between fellow students. I know it has for me," junior English literature major Kara Lairson said. "Living in Sullivan has been one of the most gratifying experiences of my college career. Being surrounded by like-minded people has been helpful, not only academically, but socially as well. I have made so many lifelong friends from this hall and it's something I wouldn't trade for anything."

Monthly pizza suppers give students the opportunity to keep in touch with other students and faculty.

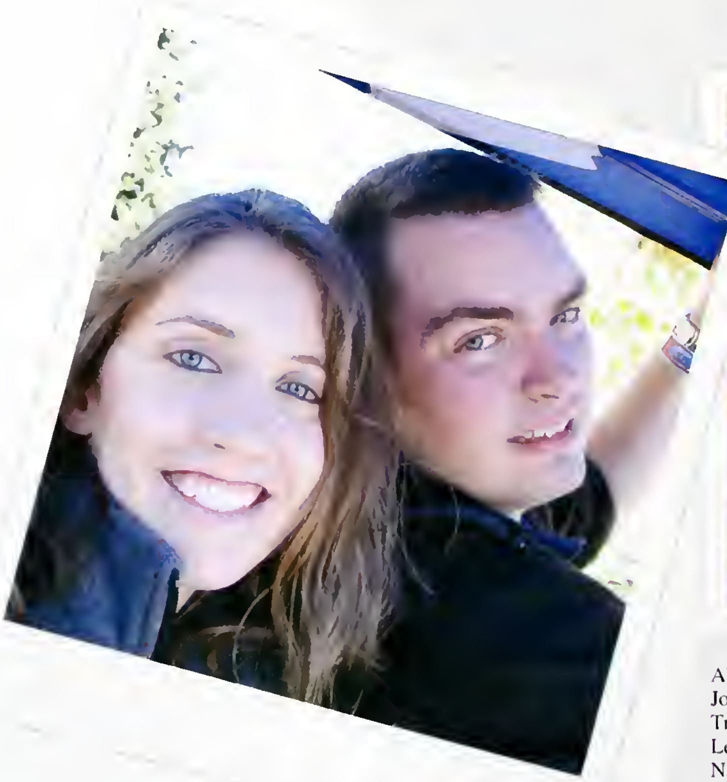
Daily e-mails from honors students, the honors program office and faculty ensure all program students are informed of deadlines and upcoming activities. Homecoming celebration activities this year included a game night, the parade, tailgating party and a picnic on the lawn of Sullivan Hall, where alumni, faculty and current students could meet and greet one another.

Each January, during the break between semesters, the honors program sponsors a week-long cultural trip at minimal cost to each student. In January 2008, New York City was the chosen destination. Activities included attending a Broadway show, visiting Times Square, Ground Zero, the Metropolitan Museum of Art and taking an inner harbor boat ride around Manhattan; dining and free time for sightseeing and shopping were also a part of the itinerary.

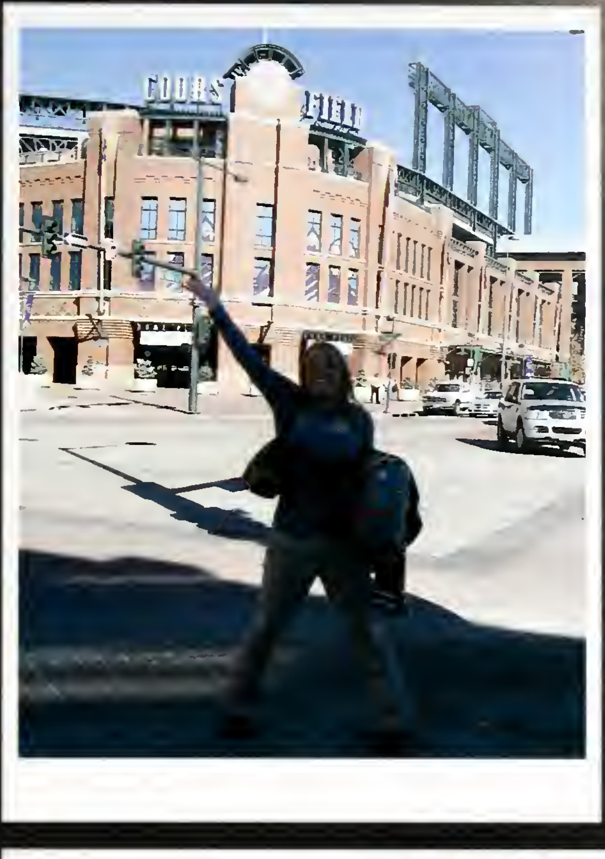
Krystal Miller, a senior accounting and marketing major from Greenville, was in New York City in January and said "it was an amazing experience that I'll never forget, made all the more special by our favorite honors program director, Dr. Gray, who we will miss so much."

It seems appropriate that the final word on 20 years of excellence for the Eastern honors program should be from Gray, who in the words of Dr. Long is the "architect and resident genius of the EKU Honors Program."

"EKU is celebrating 20 years of excellence in education with its honors program and is set to experience 20 more," Gray said. "I know that the educational and social community created by the honors program enhances students' quality of life and renders personal and professional relationships that last a lifetime."



Above: The 2007-2008 Honors Program Student Advisory Council (left to right): Secretary Joseph Ramsey, Historian Amanda Workman, President Ray Arnold, Emily Gilbreath, Treasurer Nick McDaniel, Vice President Laura Lawson and Liaison James Ficker.
Left: David Anderson and Brittney Pelgen took a break on a ride through Denver during the National Honors Conference in 2007. EKU routinely sends more students to the national conference than any other institution in the nation.



Clockwise from top: K. Sandra Barnes shows off Coors Field during the 2007 National Honors Conference; Honors Alumni return to Sullivan Hall for homecoming festivities each year, including a luncheon picnic on the front lawn; Students decorated Sullivan Hall for the 2007 homecoming alumni celebration; HP students Tina Lefton and Zach Hoskins take a break from roasting marshmallows to smile for the camera at the 2007 Halloween cookout.

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> *"EKU is celebrating 20 years of excellence in education with its honors program and is set to experience 20 more."*
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> - Bonnie Gray, director of the honors program at EKU

Robert Moss, who is now a firefighter in Richmond, Va., was part of the College of Justice and Safety's fire safety program.

Keeping us *safe*

College of Justice and Safety students trains for many different government agencies

When it comes the field of justice and public afety, no college teaches it better than Eastern.

"The College of Justice and Safety, named a rogram of distinction in 1998, is one of the only olleges to have all the disciplines that make up ublic safety, like police studies, homeland ecurity, assets protection, corrections and juvenile istice," said Dean Allen Ault.

The college being named a program of distinction i the state of Kentucky makes it one of the oremost institutions of learning and research in the elds of justice and safety in the nation and the orld, according to the Web site. The money and wards from this distinction allow the college to nprove technology, hire more personnel, and offer nore scholarships, more fellowships and more esearch.

"We have many top scholars in the field," Ault aid. Many textbooks written here are used across ne nation.

"The college has both applied sciences, and a lot f research into what makes all these public safety gencies effective," Ault said.

Students learn the skills that are marketable but ave the background to understand the research. lany graduating students will get careers in many different agencies; the FBI, the secret service, state corrections or even the hometown police department.

"The professors that teach fire science and the students that graduate in it are the leaders in that field," Ault said. "Out of that comes many high-ranking positions."

The college instructs more than 1,600 students and employs 43 full-time faculty. It has three departments, two service centers, four associate degrees, six bachelor's degrees, three master's degrees and three certifications.

The college receives $60 million in external funding from grant and contract activities to use in areas of research and scholarships. The college is working on expanding into online classes to further the education of students who cant drive to the college every day.

Students come from all over the country to learn from this program.

Blake Dean, a freshman criminal justice major from Lexington, said he came here "because it was one of the best. A lot of people that are teaching were actually in law enforcement. So not only academic part, but we get their first-hand experience with it."

Thomas Gibbs, a senior criminal justice major from Lexington, said it deserves its program of distinction award because "I feel like if I pay attention and take what I can, I will be very prepared for whatever I do."

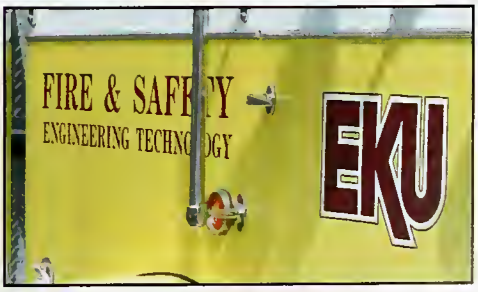
Jennifer Robbins, a senior criminal justice major from Lexington, said, "It's one of the most distinguished programs in the U.S. All the teachers know what they're talking about. They teach classes everyone can learn and apply to real life."

Lindsey Delodder, a senior criminal justice major from Crestwood, said, "The professors are great and know what they're talking about. They have experience and it shows. They've been there, done that; it makes it more real. They don't try to make it sound glorious, they give you the reality of it."

Sam Horn, a junior fire protection and administration from Catlettsburg, said "It's a one-of-a-kind program. The instructors have a wide variety of backgrounds."

Erin Spenner, a senior arson and explosives major from New Minden, Ill. agreed.

"It's one of the best in the nation," she said. "The professors have a lot of real life stories so it's easier to get along and relate. It gives us a leg up with the competition."



Far left: Andy Cizek and Melissa Hadick practice emergency medical care on a dummy. Above: Shane Lacount, the fire program coordinator helps a student with a fire hydrant. Left: The fire safety program is just one part of the College of Justice and Safety.

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Below: Emily Huffman helps Jessica Hagenbuch perform medical care on a dummy.
Right: Professor Danny Miller watches as his students, Jeremy Miller and Morgan Dodson shock and ventilate a dummy.

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Did you know ...?

60 Through its extensive grant and contract activities, the college receives $60 million in external funding

1,300 There are about 1,300 undergraduate and graduate students in the college.

1 The Correctional and Juvenile Justice Studies program is the only program in the nation devoted exclusively to careers in corrections or juvenile justice.

Relationship of 12-Lead ECG to Coronary Artery Anatomy
EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE
EKU
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PROGRAM

Far left: Professor Bill Nixon helps two of his students study.
Left: Two students firefighters figure out the method of approach to a fire.

When a Hero comes along

A first person account by Steve Thomas

In my life, I have met very few heroes. Well very few true heroes.

I think we tend to overuse the word hero. I've said things like, "My mom's my hero," "My dad's my hero," or "My third grade social studies teacher is my hero."

But it wasn't until I met Paul Rusesabagina that I think I really learned what the word "hero" means.

Most people won't recognize Rusesabagina's name, but probably know something about what he's done. Rusesabagina is from the African nation of Rwanda, known best, tragically, for the genocide that occurred there in 1994. More than one million people were brutally murdered there in the span of just three months.

The story of the Rwandan genocide was adapted for the silver screen in the 2004 film, *Hotel Rwanda*, starring Don Cheadle.

And where does Rusesabagina fit into all of this?

He's the man Don Cheadle portrays.

Rusesabagina came to Eastern on March 5 and spoke to a crowd of thousands that packed Brock Auditorium. After seeing the film for the first time the preceding Sunday as part of Student Activity Council's Sunday Cinema Series, I wasn't going to miss the opportunity to see Rusesabagina speak firsthand.

During his speech, Rusesabagina frequently praised the accuracy of the scenes in the movie, recounting his experience of sheltering more than 1,200 helpless refugees in the Rwandan hotel he was managing. While he undoubtedly saved all of their lives by risking his own, he said that the decision was never really his to make.

"I never took that decision," he said. "But maybe someone somewhere, God, decided that for me."

In perhaps the most troubling part of Rusesabagina's speech of genocide, he recalled how extremists would torture innocent people with machetes before killing them or leaving them to bleed to death.

He said that the tactics were so brutal that innocent people paid the extremists for bullets so that their deaths would come more quickly.

Rusesabagina said global awareness is the best way to prevent future genocides and end those occurring today. He cited the crisis in Darfur as another example of the international community's lack of intervention and asked students to raise as much awareness as they could to help to end the murders.

It was all I could've asked for to hear such a man speak, but when he announced that he would be signing books after the presentation, I knew I would be sticking around.

When I met him, Rusesabagina seemed to be a very humble man. The title of his autobiography, *An Ordinary Man*, speaks volumes of his humility.

He patiently obliged the 100 or so people who asked for autographs or pictures. Each person who asked Rusesabagina for a photo was met with a surprised smile and a nod. It was as if he could not understand why they would want one. Nevertheless, he politely took picture after picture for more than a half hour.

When I finally reached the front of the line, I handed him my copy of his book and he smiled at me. He signed it quickly and I asked if I could shake his hand. His handshake was firm, his hand callous and molded to accommodate the hands of others. I suspect that my hand is just one of many thousands he has shaken.

It was then that I knew I had met a truly extraordinary man. One who saved more than a thousand lives, thought it to be nothing more than what anyone else would do, and selflessly accepted gratitude and admiration from strangers for reasons he did not understand.

I knew Eastern had brought a true hero to campus, and I was lucky enough to be here for it.

Above: All eyes were on Rusesabagina as thousands of students, faculty members and the public filled Brock Auditorium.

Above: A passionate Rusesabagina paced the stage while delivering his message of hope and awareness to EKU students.

Right: Patrick Puckett, a senior sculpture major from Forest Park, Ga., studies in the shade of the bushes in the amphitheater of the Ravine. Far right: Many students, like junior pre-pharmacy major Jacqueline Stallsworth from Mt. Vernon, lounge in Powell and utilize the wireless Internet access.

"Studying with others...is very helpful and encouraging." - Stephanie Goodman

Finding your study niche

There was once a little girl who hated to study.

She hated to study for spelling tests and hated to study multiplication facts and hated to study dates in history.

You name it, and she hated to study it.

One day, the little girl told her mother just how much she despised the act of studying. The girl's mother pointed out that she, herself, was a teacher by trade. Her job was to teach, just as a painter's job is to paint and a writer's job is to write. Likewise, according to the little girl's mother, a student's job is to study.

Alright, alright, so the little girl still doesn't like to study.

But as a student, she knows that while actually going to class is still probably the best way to pass that exam, studying is also crucial.

Fortunately, Eastern offers a variety of places for students to work on homework and to catch up on studying.

Although many students find the act of studying horrible, dreadful and totally boring, choosing the appropriate environment could have a great impact on the amount of studying that actually gets accomplished.

The Crabbe Library is by far the place to be when studying. Every part of the building is full of students, day and night, with their noses crammed in textbooks. The library is also very convenient; you don't even have to leave to grab an energizing snack or cup of coffee from Java City around the corner.

Students have said that both the upper and lower floors of the Crabbe Library are great places to do homework and to catch up on some learning. The upstairs area of the library has a calming atmosphere and usually doesn't receive a lot of traffic from students.

"I love to study on the fourth floor of the library," said senior psychology major Stephanie McDaniels from Louisville. "I can always find a spot up there with no distractions."

Many departments provide comfy chairs and sofas in hallways to give students somewhere to cram minutes before a test or just to crack down on the books in general.

Students beware: there is a lot of interaction between students and faculty, so those who study in these areas should be capable of avoiding the temptation of being distracted by others.

"Surrounding yourself with others who are studying on the floor is very helpful and encouraging," said occupational therapy student Stephanie Goodman, who is very fond of the Dizney Building's second-floor hallway furniture.

Additionally, easily distracted students who don't have the time to hassle with parking or walking to the library should consider other options.

"Since I am a commuter, I usually just study in my car when I have extra time," said Leslie Cox, a senior elementary education major from Paintsville. "It is just the most convenient since I don't have time usually to leave and there is no noise to distract me."

The College of Business and Technology and the Student Services Building are also equipped with sofas and tables on their first floors to give students the opportunity to study. The SSB is centrally-located on campus, and the BTC keeps students from having to travel across the bypass to campus for a place to study.

"The study areas in SSB are very easy to concentrate in," said Melissa Case, a senior child and family studies major from Cynthiana. "I'd rather study in those areas because it is so quiet and there aren't many distractions."

The Ravine is another popular spot for Eastern students trying to avoid Facebook, roommates and a *Friends* rerun-marathon while studying. The Ravine offers the soothing sights and sounds of the great outdoors, along with wide lawns of open grass to lounge on. This unique area of campus is a haven for students who can't stand stuffy dorm rooms or the off-putting hum of fluorescent lighting.

The next time you find yourself staring at a pile of books you need to read, dreading a paper you need to write or putting off studying for a test that is looming ahead, know that you are not alone. Gather your things, head off to your favorite study locale and join the countless other EKU students who are hitting the books, whether they like it or not.

Far left: A stone bench in the Ravine serves as a desk for freshman physical education major Betsy Hagan from Woodford County.
Left: Freshman pre-med major Jon Vorbeck from Richmond designs a PowerPoint - complete with an exclamation point - about "Auguste Comte!"
Below: Kevin Bennett, a junior printmaking major from Williamsburg, demonstrates how comfortable studying can go terribly wrong in the lobby of the Student Services Building.

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Kristen Miller, Marty Finley, and Travis Reynolds weigh in on Melissa Mollohan's newspaper design.

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Kristen Miller and Marty Finley, both senior journalism majors, take a break from editing stories.

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Eastern gets *Progress-ive*

Award puts *The Eastern Progress* in the mix with the best in the country

The Eastern Progress was named "Best All-Around Non-Daily Newspaper" by the Society of Professional Journalists in the Mark of Excellence Awards contest.

The award, presented in April of 2008, recognized the paper's publications during the 2006-2007 school year. The *Progress* competed against collegiate papers not only in Kentucky, but also Illinois and Indiana.

"We were a weekly squaring off against papers that publish much more than we do and this award puts us in the mix of the best of the best in the country," said Marty Finley, the managing editor of the *Progress*.

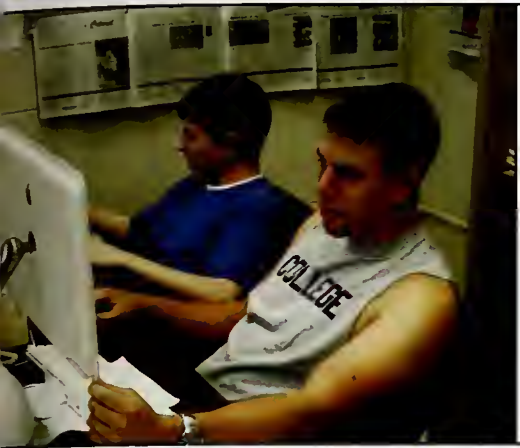
Finley said the award signified the work of a creative and diligent staff.

"We were often understaffed, but worked to present the news both on campus and in Richmond," Finley said.

The Progress also won second place in overall design in the Kentucky Intercollegiate Press Association's contest.

The judges said the three issues "all had various design issues - including some very tough-to-read layouts - but they also showed lots and lots of creativity. Better to aim high and just miss the mark than aim low and strike a bull's-eye every time. These designers have quite a future, because it's easy to teach the basics of design, but it's damn near impossible to teach imagination."

The *Progress* will compete in the national SPJ Mark of Excellence competition at the national convention in Atlanta in September.



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Jonathan Stark, the sports designer, and Clayton Ward, the sports editor, work to make deadline.

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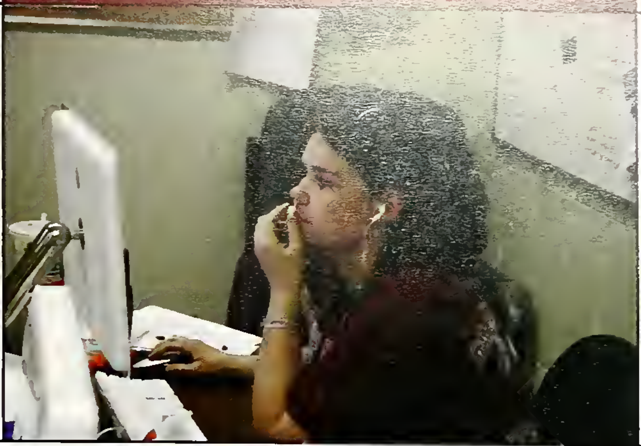
Amanda Wheeler, the photo editor, listens to music while editing photos for the news pages.



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Megan Jones, the president of the Society of Professional Journalists, dines with members Brittany Davenport and Melissa Mollohan.

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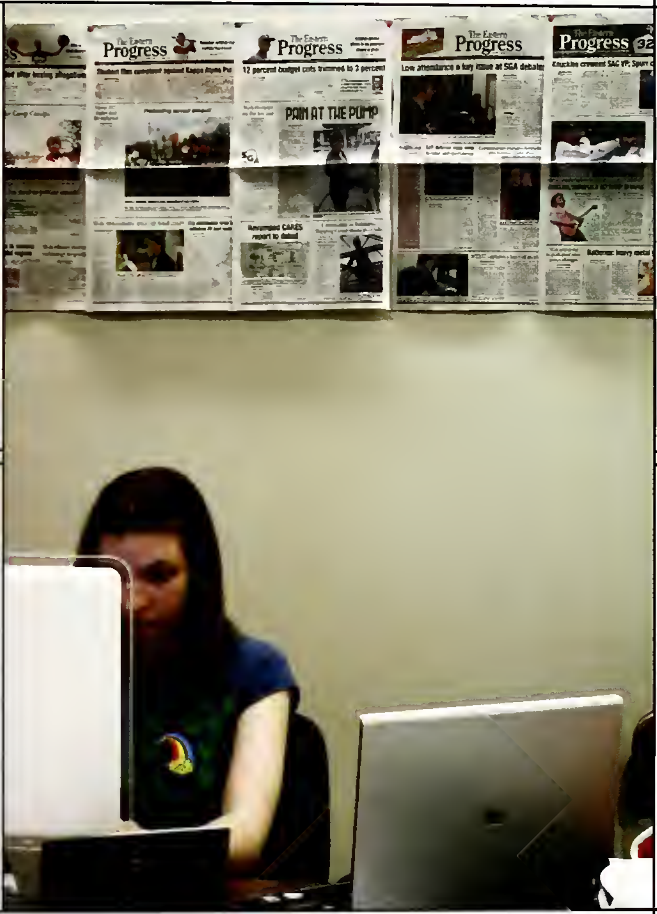
Marty Finley stands behind Amanda Wheeler, Courtney Daniel, Jenna Mink and Ben Kleppinger after receiving he Mark of Excellence award.



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Cameron Blair, assistant sports editor, works on his weekly column, while Maria Fitzgerald, the features designer, works on the layout.

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Kristen Miller, the news editor, reads over stories at her desk in the newsroom.

"These designers have quite a future, because it's ... damn near impossible to teach imagination." - Judges' comments

The Eastern Progress Editors

News
Jenna Mink
Marty Finley

Features
Brittany Davenport
Melissa Mollohan

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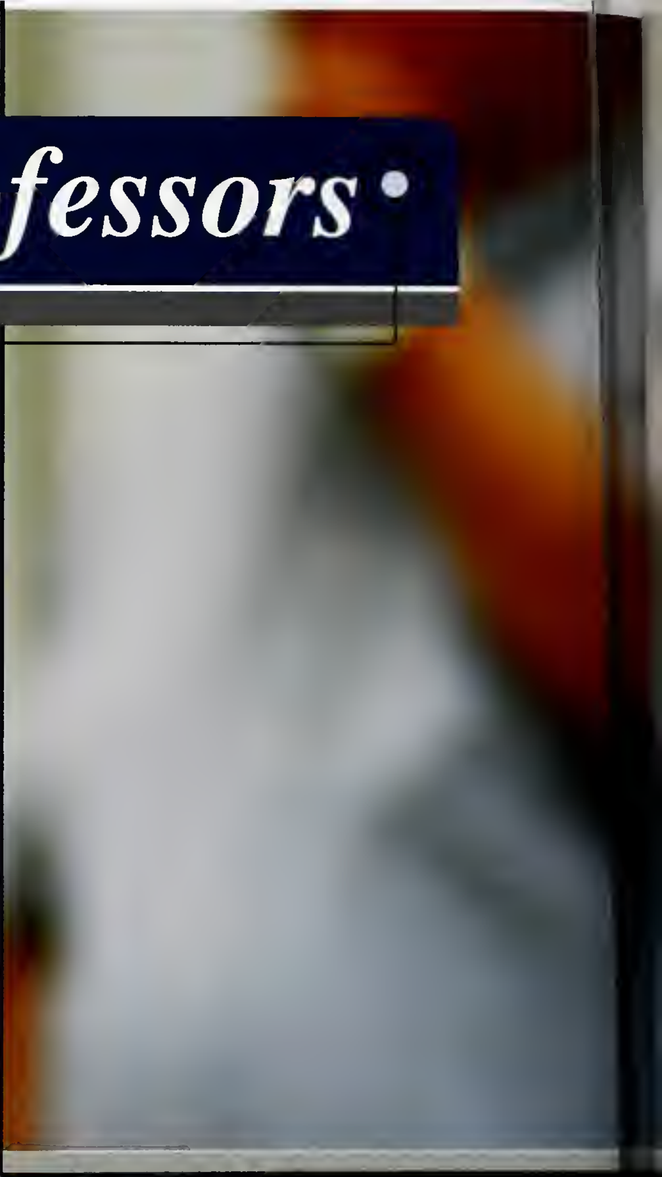


A big part of students' enjoyment of Eastern comes from their professors. Students may take a really interesting class with a bore as a teacher. Or vice versa.

Through all the registering, yelling at EKU Direct and general stress, at least one question crops up. How do students choose which professors to take their classes with?

For some students, the decision is self-made with no outside help.

"I prefer to take classes I want to take," said Christina Hoover, a senior early child development psychology major from Richmond. "Of course, now that I've been in the department so long, I definitely know which professors I don't want to take."

Other students prefer to go by what they've heard from friends or other people in the classes they plan to take.

"I use what people told me," said Miranda Gilstrap a sophomore social work major from Owensboro.

Ashlee Griffin, a freshman forensic science major from Louisville, echoed this technique.

"I ask other people I know if they've had the professor before," Griffin said.

For students who don't like to ask other people directly for help in picking class professors, there are popular Web sites available that list anonymous student opinions.

Ratemyprofessors.com and pickaprof.com are two examples. Both are free for students to join. Pickaprof.com also works in partnership with Facebook and allows students to put their professor ratings on their profiles.

On ratemyprofessors, a search engine on the Web sites homepage allows students to find their respective schools. Students can then read and post ratings of professors at Eastern or any other college they have attended.

These ratings are numerical ranging from one to five and describe a professor in the following ways: lesson clarity, ease, helpfulness, quality and even "hotness." Students can also post comments to further describe the rated professor. There are 1,023 professors with ratings and comments at the Eastern section of ratemyprofessors.com.

At pickaprof.com, ratings range from one to five stars, and student comments on the professors' strengths and drawbacks are also provided. However, one extra tidbit about possible professors is offered to students. Here, they're allowed to see the percent average of grades a professor has given for a particular class.

Say for example, a student is debating between taking Mr. Smith or Ms. Jones for a biology lecture. If both professors are listed at pickaprof, students can use the grade average graphs as another part of their decision in choosing a teacher.

Student opinions of the sites are mixed.

"They're not a very good idea," Hoover said. "I feel a lot of bitter students go on there and they don't adequately say what a professor does."

Griffin said they're pretty helpful, while Gilstrap thinks ratemyprofessors was only OK.

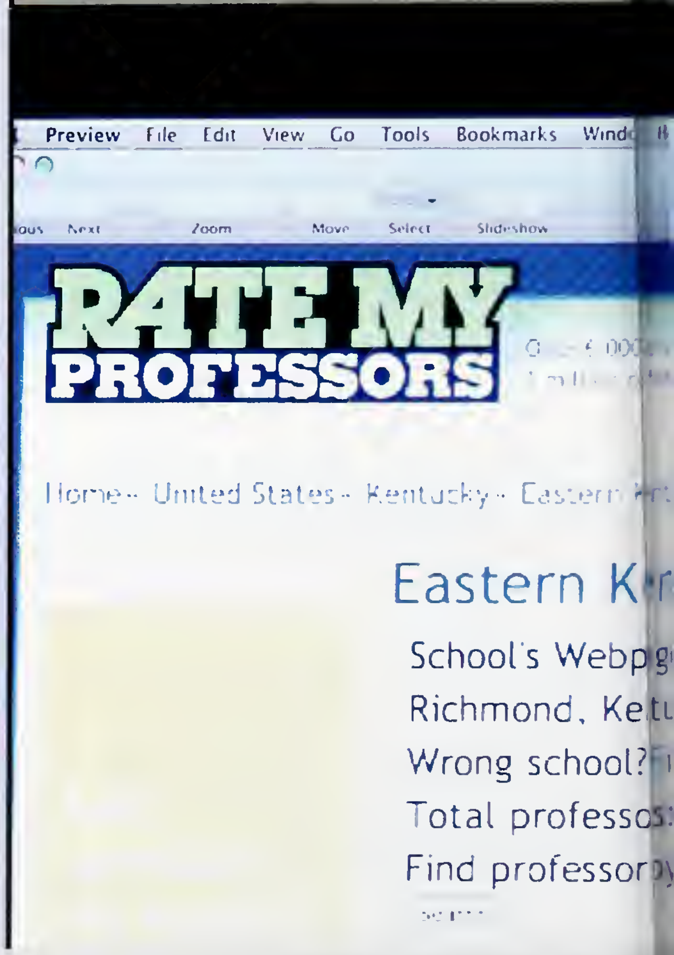
"Everyone's different," Gilstrap said. "I've had a professor that people said was bad, but it turned out fine."

But still, which of these sites to students choose to use to decide on professors?

"I always check ratemyprofessors just so I don't get stuck with someone incredibly tough," said Lindsey Brown, a freshman psychology major from Prestonsburg.

Griffin said she had looked at the ratings on the site and actually rated some people too.

Students still deciding on which MAT 105 professor to take can do a quick look over details at ratemyprofessors.com or pickaprof.com and decide. Or they can just ask a friend.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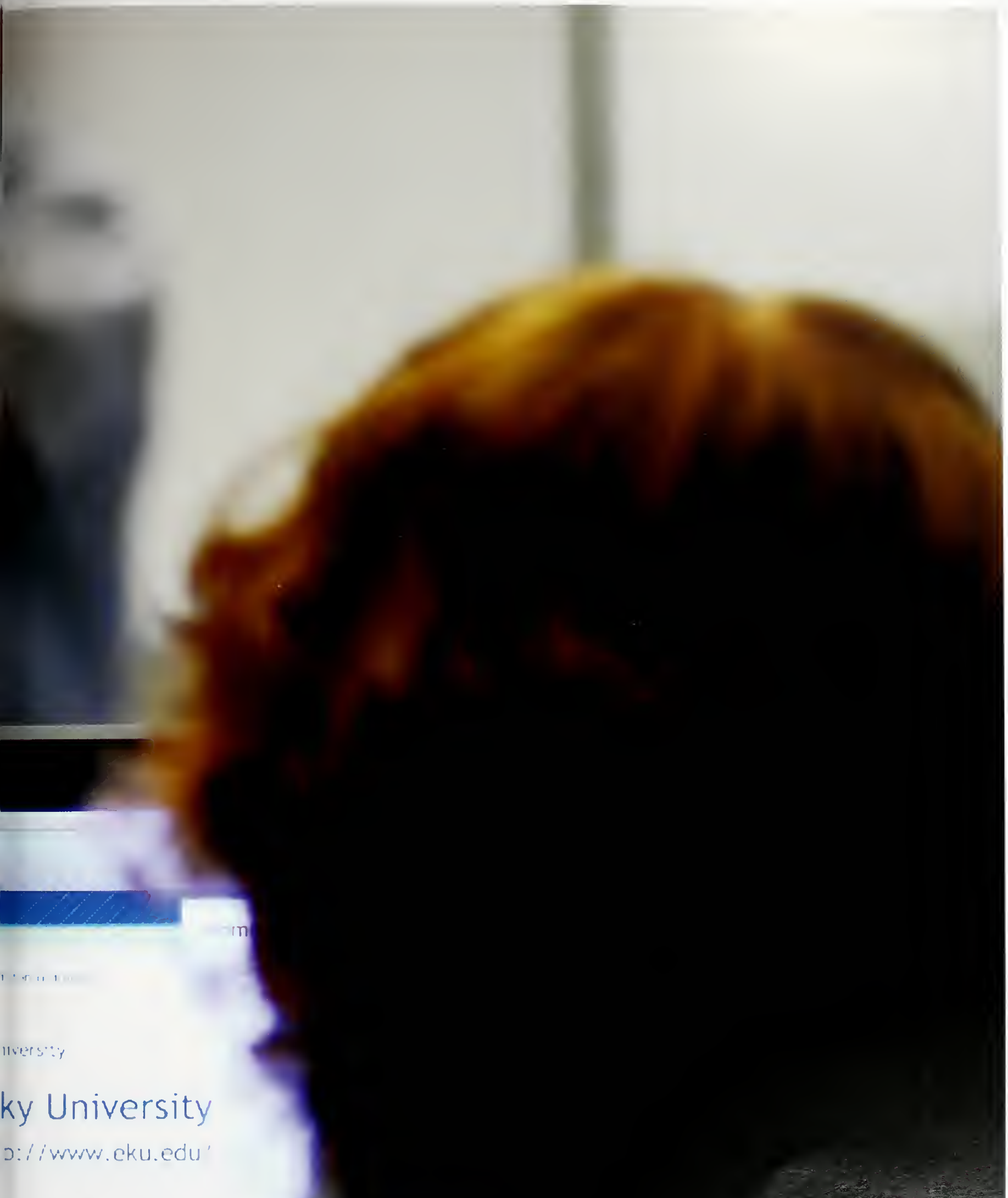
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Right: The Java City cafe encloses an exterior wall of the University Building, giving it the feel of a hometown coffee shop.
Far right: Students hang out wherever they can find space, even if it's on the floor.
Below: The warm glow of the Crabbe Library draws students in on cold winter nights.

What lies beyond the bookshelves

> *"I'm there at least once every other day for one reason or another."*
>
> ***- Sean Phillips***

Few places on Eastern's campus are instantly recognizable to nearly every student, but spots like the Ravine, the Daniel Boone statue, Powell Corner and the Naked Man are campus staples.

One campus staple stands amid the rest as an important social center and student service facility catered towards education. One landmark remains important not only for its selection of research materials and helpful staff, but because of its place as a social hub in the eyes of the students who meet there for group projects, study sessions or simple cups of coffee at Java City. There is perhaps no greater campus landmark than the John Grant Crabbe Library.

"I'm there at least once every other day for one reason or another," said Sean Phillips, a junior broadcast major from Greenup County.

Phillips said he sometimes takes advantage of the computer access five or six times a week, either in the main lobby or the lab adjacent to the University Building.

Zach Rhodus, a junior philosophy major from Paint Lick, also said that he frequents the library nearly every day.

On any given afternoon, dozens of students can be found scattered throughout the library, and like Rhodus and Phillips, many have a favorite area they lovingly call their spot.

Phillips said that his study spot was on the second floor, near the reference section facing McGregor Hall.

"If I'm really serious about what I'm studying, I'll go to the fourth floor because it's a quiet floor, but usually I'm not that serious," Phillips joked.

Rhodus said he almost always prefers to study on the designated quiet floors.

"My spot is on the third floor, next to the computer science books," Rhodus said.

He added that the computer science students often utilize the library's online database resources, giving him unabated access to their print collection.

Rhodus' favorite feature of the library by far is the Java City student lounge. He admitted that he is a coffee junkie and that his love of espressos brings him to Java City on an almost daily basis. Many students meet with friends or classmates at Java City as well.

"Every time we have a group project, we meet at Java City; it's somewhere everybody knows and likes," Rhodus said. "Besides that, the wireless Internet there makes it easy to lounge between classes if you have time to kill."

Phillips agreed, saying the Java City lounge offered a better atmosphere when compared with other popular student meeting spots like Powell.

"Powell kind of makes me want to eat," Phillips said, "so it definitely seems better to be surrounded by books and knowledge."

Whether in small groups or isolated to ensure undeterred studying, students take full advantage of the opportunities provided by the Crabbe Library. Serving as a crossroads of knowledge, resources and social networking, the Crabbe Library embodies the spirit of Eastern that all students can call their own.

Above: Students can hear a pin drop in the Grand Reading Room, an ornate lounge on the second floor.

Above: Fall finals are a perfect reason to spill over a semester's worth of notes. Or surf through Facebook, of course.

Setting the foundation

Eastern professors recognized f

Students will always remember the professor who was more than a professor. Students remember the teacher that gave them the break they needed, helped them understand something they usually couldn't, placed trust in them when others wouldn't and gave them the chance to succeed. They will remember the professor who was a mentor, a friend; the professor who went beyond the duties of a teacher.

Eastern recognizes two of its most valued instructors as foundation professors each year.

As the plaque they receive explains, the award is, "the university's highest honor for teaching excellence. The award recognizes distinguished scholarship, outstanding performance in the classroom, and demonstrated interest in students." In this way, Eastern, as an institution, will always remember its professors who went beyond their duties.

The Society of Foundation Professors was started in 1987. Today, a total of 48 professors have been awarded the prestigious title. It is a big achievement and provides recognition to great professors.

"It's a sense of doing your job well," said David Zurick. Zurick is one of the two foundation professors for 2007 to 2009. He spends a lot of his summers in the Himalayas and his winter months teaching geography at Eastern.

Zurick helped create, with co-author Julsen Pacheco, the only existing atlas of the Himalayas.

Zurick was originally nominated because of all the work he did while teaching for the past 21 years at Eastern. There is a lengthy process to be accepted for the award and some professors prepare for it more than others.

According to Harry Brown, he worked on his application for three years, trying to make it perfect. His preparation worked and he received his award in 1995.

The award pays out with more than recognition. All the professors receive a monetary stipend along with their award. They are honored publicly at graduation ceremonies and become part of the honorary society that holds regular functions and events.

This year's new foundation professors are Elizabeth Hansen and Robert Mitchell.

Both were selected because of what Zurick called the depth of a person's career, meaning that as professors at Eastern, they have had a sustained level of achievement and a long-term direction in their career.

To Zurick though, it is the love of his job that counts and not the recognition.

"I enjoy teaching," Zurick said. "The greatest satisfaction as a professor is helping students move forward in their lives."

Elizabeth Hanse
Department of
Communication
2008-2010

Robert Mitchell
Department of
Psychology
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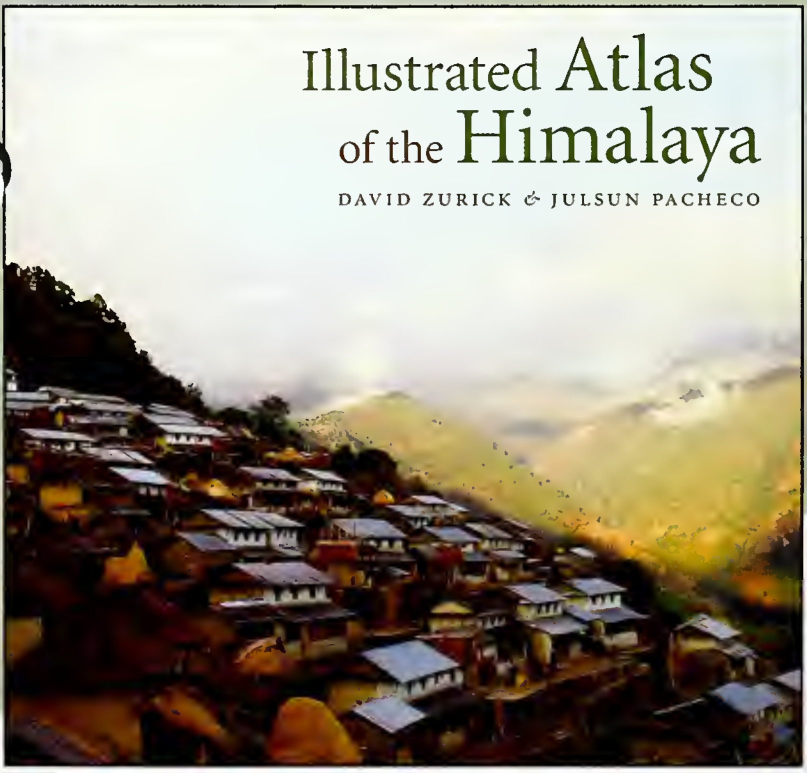


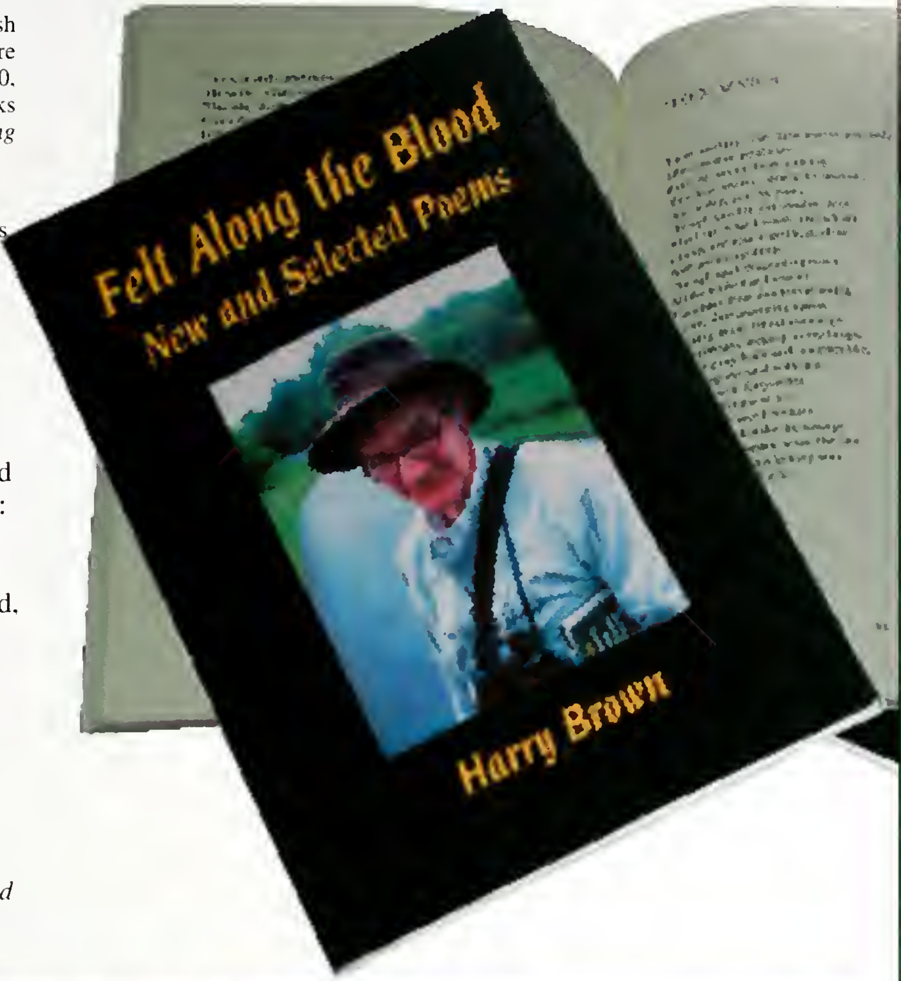
Illustrated Atlas
of the Himalaya
DAVID ZURICK & JULSUN PACHECO

Foundation professor David Zurick co-authored the *Illustrated Atlas of the Himalaya*, which contains the image on the background of this page.

heir outstanding performances

Many foundation professors publish ooks and, because of this, are nsidered for the award. Since 1970, arry Brown published nearly 10 books hile at Eastern. His last one, *Felt Along he Blood*, was published in 2005.

Below is an excerpt from Brown's ook of new and selected poems:



Prayer

I have often gone to church
o hear a prayer, and often heard
But words. What I saw sufficed:

I saw a quiet back-row man
f fifty years, who seldom stirred,
Touch his six-years son;

A woman forty-eight, quick
And beautiful, without a word
Bless her five-years girl with
looks.

Poem By: Harry Brown
elected From *Felt Along The Blood*

David Zurick traveling in Kham, Tibet.

Profs of the past

Since 1987, 48 Eastern professors have been awarded the prestigious title of a foundation professor. Below are the past professors who have been honored by this distinguished award.

Dr. Elizabeth Hansen
Dr. Robert Mtichell
Dr. David Zurick
Dr. Victor Kappeler
Dr. Ronald L. Jones
Dr. John Curra
Dr. Judy Short
Dr. Jerry D. Cook
Dr. Dorothy M. Sutton
Dr. William W. Farrar
Dr. Robert G. Brubaker
Dr. Ella F. Hunter
Dr. Guenter A. Schuster
Dr. Steven D. Falkenberg
Dr. Donald L. Greenwell
Dr. Don E. Ryoti
Dr. Gary K. Ritchison
Dr. H. Andrew Harnack
Dr. Charles L. Elliott
Dr. Charles F. Whitaker
Dr. John E. Gump
Dr. Paula D. Kopacz
Dr. Paul Blanchard
Dr. Pamela V. Moore
Dr. Harry N. Brown
Dr. William F. Jones
Dr. Isabelle B. White
Dr. Jerry E. Joyner
Dr. Gary W. Cordner
Dr. John L.
Meisenheimer, Sr.
Dr. Amy C. King
Dr. William E. Ellis
Dr. John P. Harley
Dr. Charles A. Sweet, Jr.
Dr. Paul C. Motley
Dr. Doug Burnham
Dr. Reid A. Luhman
Dr. Karl F. Kuhn, Sr.
Dr. Ron G. Wolfe
Dr. Harold R. Blythe, Jr.
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Dr. Merita L. Thompson
Dr. Esther K. Leung
Dr. Michael H. Bright
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A *fresh* start

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...and *another*

For the average college student, changing a major is like speed dating.

You go around to a couple of different majors, chatting about what kind of career you could have with that specific degree, or what kind of classes you would have to take and how long your relationship with that major is going to last.

You might even stick with one for a while, but soon you realize life isn't clicking like it should. You have to move on and find a major with which you can truly grow, mature and be happy with. It is time to change your major.

It may be a common misconception that the great major-swap doesn't really happen that often, but Scott Amundsen, the director of academic advising and retention, said otherwise.

"Over the course of a students college career, they might change their major three or four times," said Amundsen.

Amundsen added that there are many reasons why these switches occur. Some students may choose a major like forensic science because it's culturally popular, but when they start taking classes for that major, they may not make the best grades. They soon realize they are not going to want, nor be able, to continue it. They must find a plan B major.

Sometimes that's a seamless transition; but, when students want to go from being a biology major to a theater major in their third year, things can get complicated. No student wants to push back their own graduation, but that's often the reality of changing majors. Students will sometimes have to take an entirely new set of classes and, essentially, start over. The decisions don't come easy, and changing often causes more stress than it alleviates.

Suiting up for success

After successfully competing in a number of tournaments across the nation, the EKU Mock Trial team made history by placing ninth in the Gold National Tournament.

Throughout the year, the team competed in seven invitational tournaments and scrimmaged numerous teams in preparation for the regional tournament.

Traveling to such places as Iowa, Pennsylvania and North Carolina, they faced teams from some of the most prestigious schools in the nation, such as Harvard and Duke, and did well against them.

This year brought forth an unprecedented honor as, for the first time, EKU was invited to participate in the GAMTI (Great American Mock Trial Invitational) tournament in Washington, D.C. The team walked away from the tournament with fifth place, taking ballots from Princeton and University of Tennessee.

Both of Eastern's mock trial teams competed in the regional tournament in Feb. 2008. Team 593 came out of the tournament with a record of 4-3-1, and two participants received All-Region Outstanding Witness Awards.

Team 592 won second in the region with a record of 7-1, giving the team a bid to Gold Nationals in Minneapolis, Minn., in April.

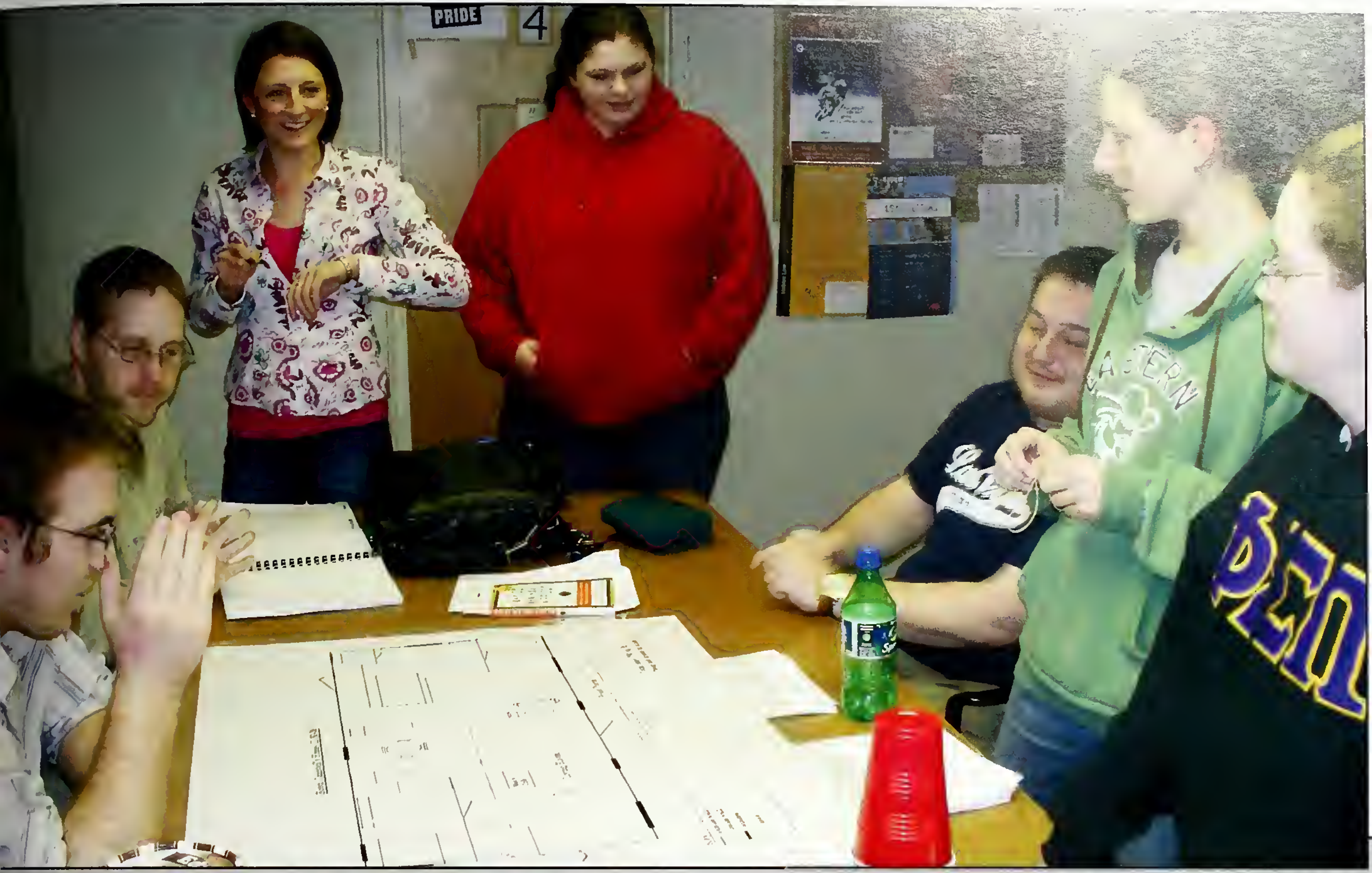
Team captain Kristeena Winkler won an All-Region Outstanding Attorney Award, and Karen Owens took home an All-Region Outstanding Witness Award.

Gold Nationals were held April 4-6 in Minneapolis. Facing Princeton, Brandeis, Harvard and the University of Tennessee, Eastern finished with a record of 5-3, taking 9th place.

Both teams are coached by Sarah Zeigler, as well as Tom Parker and Lynnette Noblitt.

> "[It was] the best performance at a championship tournament by an EKU te m in the program's history I am extremely proud of the student and grateful fo the support provided by the University..."
>
> *-Sara Zeigler, EKU Mock Trial faculty advise*

Top right: BreAnna Morgan, a freshman political science major from Mt. Vernon, Tony Listerman, a senior political science major from Cincinnati, and Megan Pigman, a freshman english major from Mayking, strike a pose in Iowa.
Above: Ivory Hill, Jessica Spencer and Sarah Absher catch up on some sleep on the way back from the Iowa tournament.
Right: EKU Mock Trial Team with assistant coach Lynette Noblett (far right) at Gold Nationals.



Top: Team 592 strategizes in preparation for the national tournament.
Left: Kristeena and Katrina Winkler pose with their attorney and witness awards.
Above:The match is on as opposing council to EKU's 592 prepares opening statements.

Creative minds

Defining art is a tricky business. There's no universal definition, and it seems as though there probably never will be.

Everyone has a favorite medium of art, too. Some people prefer sculpture, others painting or photography.

But regardless of how one defines art or what medium they fancy, there was something for everyone at the 2008 EKU Art Student Association Juried Exhibition.

Eastern art and design students filled the Giles Gallery of the Campbell Building with their best work, showing their fellow students and the public just what they were capable of. Works of all mediums were on display, from photography to wood paintings to jewelry and metalsmithing.

At the exhibition opening on April 6, more than 150 people filled the gallery in less than two hours.

Alex Henegar, a sophomore physics major from Campbell County, was one of those people. Though he admitted he had never before been to an Eastern art exhibition, he also said he was very impressed by this one.

"I was surprised to see that it was higher than my expectations of what it was going to be," Henegar said. "Seeing students my age doing that kind of thing; it's impressive."

The annual exhibition continued for two weeks and, as always, was free to the public. It was a juried exhibition of student works, which meant that an acclaimed art critic served as a judge and selected which of the submitted pieces would be featured.

The 2008 judge was Jessica Knapp, an accomplished ceramic sculptor and soon-to-be assistant editor for Ceramics Monthly Magazine. After hours of consideration, Knapp selected 104 pieces from 234 entries for the EKU A.S.A. Exhibition.

Travis Townsend, lecturer of art and faculty advisor for the A.S.A., said that Knapp was choosy with the works she selected for presentation, paying close attention to not only the finished product, but also to how the works were created.

"She knows what she's talking about," Townsend said.

He continued to acknowledge that being a judge wasn't easy.

"It's hard to make a show this diverse this cohesive," he said.

Only works from 52 artists were selected from the 68 who submitted pieces, and that meant that many students work did not go on display. Townsend said that the rejection is frustrating, but beneficial to student artists.

"It's great for students to get used to getting things out there, and dealing with the fact that some people don't like your art is a part of that," he said.

Still, the positive aspects of the show greatly outweighed the negative. Lindsay Riley, the president of the A.S.A., said that she loved the show.

"It's an easy, kind of safe way to get our work out there, and it's fun to see your friends' works on display," Riley said.

Townsend was inclined to agree. He said that community building was one of the most important things the show consistently accomplished.

"I think it's great exposure for the students, and it helps them communicate with each other as artists," he said. "That will help them in the future, when their former peers are professors...and can help them out."

Though awards were given categorically, every viewer walked away with a different favorite. Townsend cited Bill Robbins' painting, "Shadow Puppet Periphery," as his favorite, while Henegar said Issa Mitchell's "Untitled" portrait was his favorite. Riley selected Jakob Murphy's "There is Water at the Bottom of the Ocean," painting and said that Murphy was her favorite artist to watch work, reinforcing Knapp's idea that art is not all about the finished product.

Regardless, there were no losers at the A.S.A. Exhibition, especially not to first-time goers like Henegar.

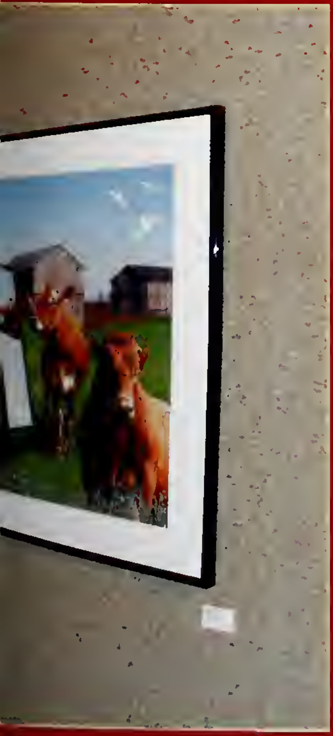
"There really wasn't much I didn't like," he said. "It's even fun to look at the stuff you don't like and figure out why."

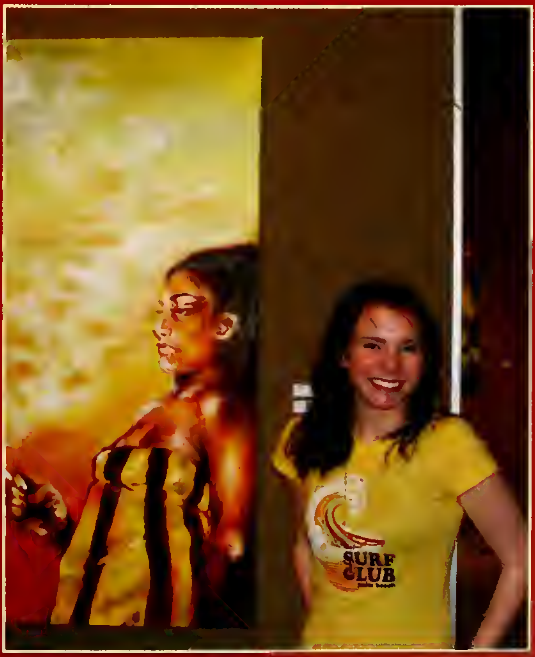
He said he'd be back next year.

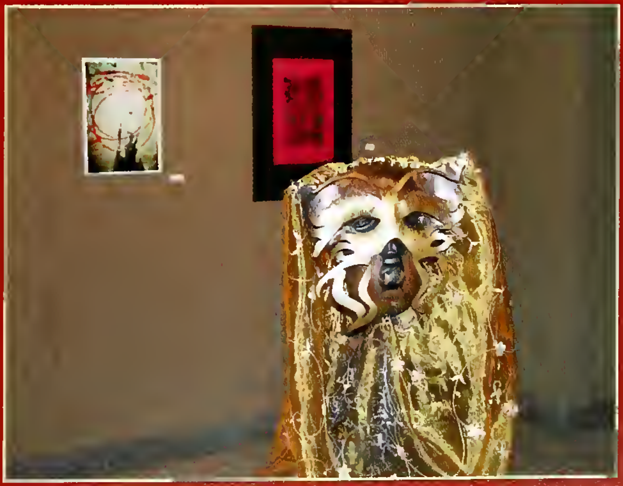
"I would even pay to see it," Henegar said. "Even though it was free, I would definitely pay to see that art. It really looked like their best work."

Even those most acquainted with the students and their art, like Townsend, could not help but walk away impressed.

"It's great because even though I'm the faculty member and you're the student, half of this stuff I haven't seen," Townsend said. "It's such great stuff."

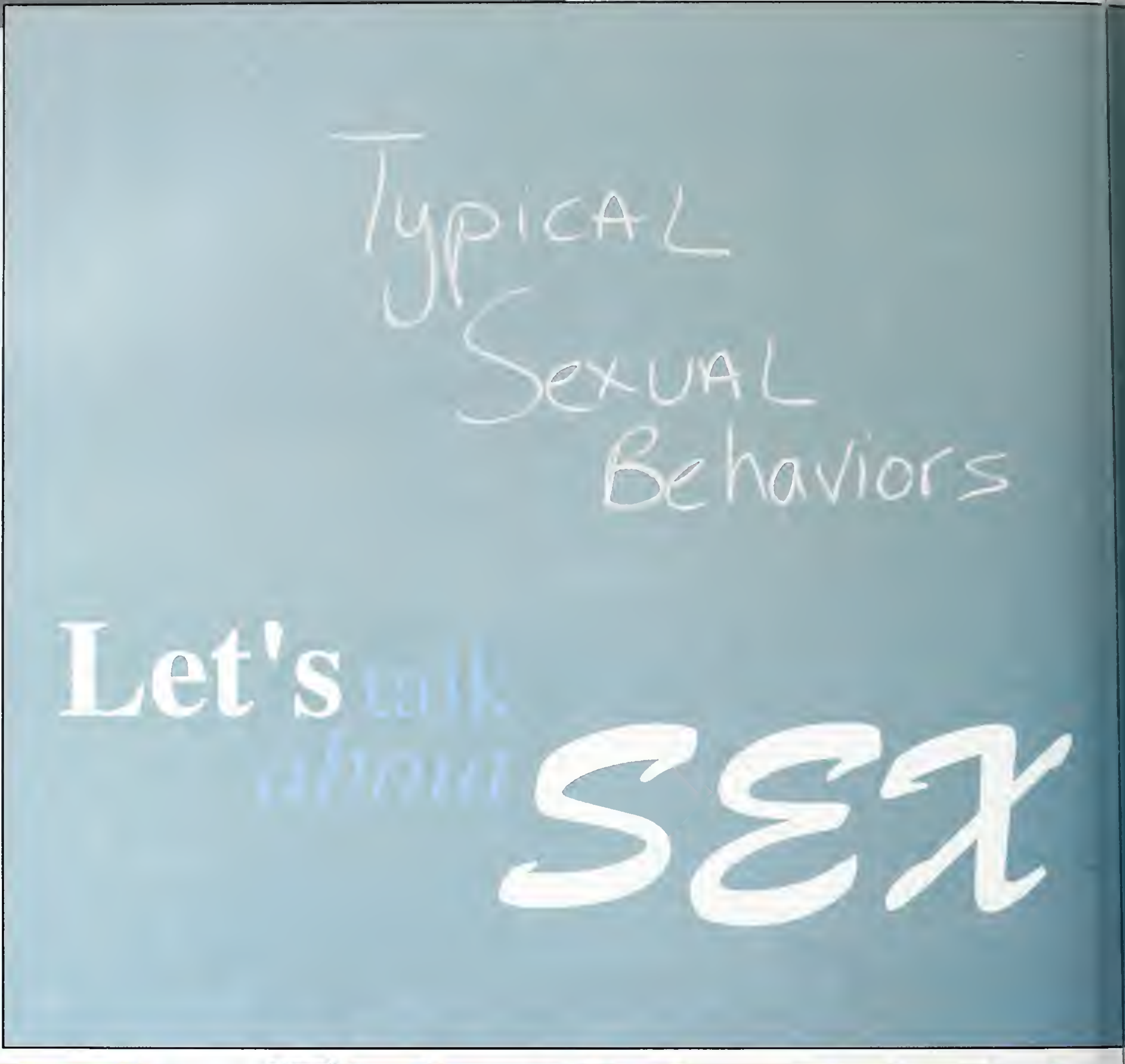






Top: Friends, families and art afficionados flocked to the Giles Gallery during the exhibition's opening. Far left: Alex Henegar stares down the cows in Ruby White's photograph "PHAT." Left: Sophomore painting major Issa Mitchell from Richmond stands beside her oil painting, "The A.M." winner of the [illegible] Above: Crystal Schenk's [illegible] metal-work, while Alex [illegible] Saikai Juku Kaikan [illegible] ink "Zebra" represented [illegible]

Let's talk about SEX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Top: Professor Angie Aaron begins her CDF 232 class, Identity and Sexuality, with an overlook of "General Sexual Orientation." Above: Aaron's class-generated list of "Typical Sexual Behaviors" includes kissing, hugs, sexual intercourse and...well, you can probably guess what else. Right: Identity and Sexuality uses its universally relevant curriculum to draw a wide range of students as an elective.

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: Not your average textbook: materials for the class, like this book on
s, provide students with some of the more controversial facts about sex.

▸▸ *And let's take it* **seriously** *for a change...*

When a student registers for classes at Eastern, there is a wide array to choose from. Classes like fencing, motorcycle gangs or crafts for kids could fill a schedule. There is one class, though, that might scare some students or at least make them feel a little uncomfortable.

The class is Identity and Sexuality, and the subject is just what the title implies: sex.

For some people in America today, sex is still something that is very much taboo. It's something that isn't talked about or discussed. It's something that everybody knows about, but nobody wants to talk about.

There are many misconceptions about sex that could lead to problems with someone's relationships or sex life. That's something that Angie Aaron, Identity and Sexuality instructor, would like to change.

Aaron said that students should take the course for a number of reasons, some of those being improving relationships, becoming confident and at ease with one's own sexuality, and dispelling anxieties and doubts about sex.

She said the class is vitally important and there is a need for it at all colleges and universities throughout the country.

"This is not a specialized course for a narrow array of professions," said Aaron, who has been teaching this course for one semester. "Sexuality affects everyone."

The course focuses on all aspects of sex, from flirting and how sex affects pop culture, to actual intercourse and sexually-transmitted infections. There is also room to discuss sexual trauma such as abuse or rape.

Students are shown educational videos about sex and birth, and also participate in a number of activities in which they learn about sex. It is a crash course that covers everything there is to know about this taboo and sometimes controversial subject.

Aaron said it is that controversy surrounding sex that hinders many from knowing much about it and leaves even more people with a lot of unanswered questions.

"Turn on the evening news, rent a movie or surf the Internet and one will witness so many disturbing images related to violence and aggression, but mention the words sexuality and identity issues and you can hear a pin drop," Aaron said.

She said this class answers those questions and gives students a well-rounded view of their intimate relationships.

Aaron said the class provides a safe place to learn accurate information about sexual health that you may not have access to later in life.

However, the classroom environment may make students standoffish at first because of the subject matter.

"At the beginning of the semester," Aaron said, "students are too bashful to ask questions about the topics [they] discuss, but as the semester progresses they are more willing to open up."

"The bashfulness might come from their fear of being judged by society," she said.

"There are so many myths [about sex] that abound in our world," Aaron said, "and the idea of education is to analyze those myths and empower students with realistic knowledge that will benefit them throughout their lives."

Bring your own bike

Imagine your schedule for the semester. You have a history class and a science lab and maybe even a philosophy course. And then, on Thursday nights, you have TRS 234/491 Motorcycle Safety class.

And unlike other classes, the motorcycle class doesn't take place in a classroom; it takes place on the driving range by the Stratton Building.

Students in the beginning classes on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons are supplied with a motorcycle, but students in the experienced class on Thursday nights bring their own bikes.

The motorcycle class is three hours of credit and fits into the humanities category of general education requirements.

Wayne Steele, the class professor or coach, gives each student personal objectives, or a plan of attack, as he calls it. The class has seven assignments, which include dealership visits, article reviews, and tests over skills and knowledge.

Upon completion of the experienced course, students receive a card, which gives them a discount on motorcycle insurance. Another goal of the class is to get licensed.

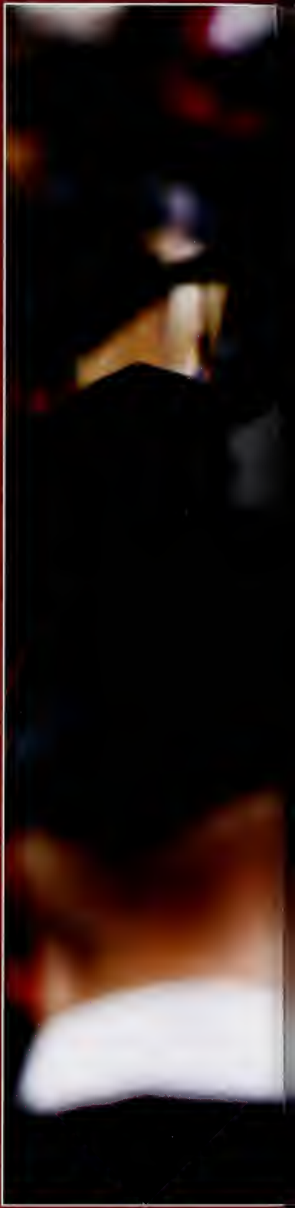
Steele said that people do not know much about riding motorcycles and the class will help better inform students.

"It's not just about learning to operate machines," Steele said. "It's to dispel myths about motorcycles."

Above: Brandon Freeman practices his weave during his Thursday night Motorcycle Safety class.

Above: Daniel Deaton takes a ride on his cruiser.
Far left: Chris Johnson pops a wheelie while cruising.
Left: The TRS 491class listens to Professor Steele.
Below: Chris Johnson rests after popping a wheelie.

Right: Doug Whitlock addresses the crowd at his first commencement as Eastern's president. Far right: Alex Crain, one of many graduates from Eastern's celebrated College of Justice and Safety, scans the crowd during the ceremony. Below: Families and friends pack Alumni Coliseum to support their graduates.



'A life *milestone*... one to be *treasured*'

From the moment most students enter college, they fix their eyes on the graduation ceremony.

That day commemorates all the achievements that every graduate must accomplish.

On Dec. 15, 2007, fall graduates celebrated their accomplishments in the Alumni Coliseum.

"Graduation is a time to acknowledge the accomplishments of the graduates, recognize their hard work and determination. It is a 'life' milestone and one to be treasured," said Skip Daughtery, Eastern's special events coordinator.

Daughtery points out that graduation is not just an accomplishment for the students, but an accomplishment for the university as well.

University Graduation Compliance Specialist Jennifer White said graduation from a university is a big deal.

"This is especially wonderful for parents and grandparents, White said. "The best part is watching the stray tear slip down th cheek of an audience member as they watch their chil grandchild or spouse on commencement day. It's ver emotional."

In December 2007, many changes were made to th ceremony. The order of the march was changed so the facult march preceded that of the students. The faculty seating sectio was also moved directly in front of the students rather than on th sides. The ceremony's time was also cut significantly.

"It's a shorter and more enjoyable ceremony," White said.

Graduate Jason Lee received a bachelor's in fine arts this fall "My college experiences provided me with the tools that I neede to become successful," Lee said. "I will remember my colleg friends for the rest of my life."

Graduates walked across the stage one by one in their caps and gowns, each graduate wearing brightly-colored sashes and cords to represent various departments and honors. Each graduate was recognized by name and was handed a diploma cover.

Eastern hosts graduation not only at the close of the fall semester, but at the close of each spring and summer semester as well. There is a morning and afternoon ceremony for each graduation.

Graduate Ellen King participated in the fall afternoon ceremony.

"It was short and sweet, like college; short and sweet," King said.

For the fall, the morning ceremony started at 10 a.m. and was for the colleges of Education, Health Sciences, and Justice and Safety. The afternoon ceremony started at 3 p.m. for the students of the colleges of Arts and Sciences, and Business and Technology. A reception followed each graduation ceremony in the Fred Darling Auxiliary Gym.

Family and friends who couldn't attend the ceremony in person could still tune in online. A link to view the ceremonies was available on Eastern's Web site.

"It was an experiment last summer, and we offered it again this December," Daughtery said. "This makes commencement available to anyone with a computer and it is live."

The graduates had earned the right to walk across the stage and be recognized. They fought the parking hassle, read the textbooks and studied for the tests to turn their dreams into realities. It was time for them to take their places as successful and contributing members of society wherever their lives may take them.

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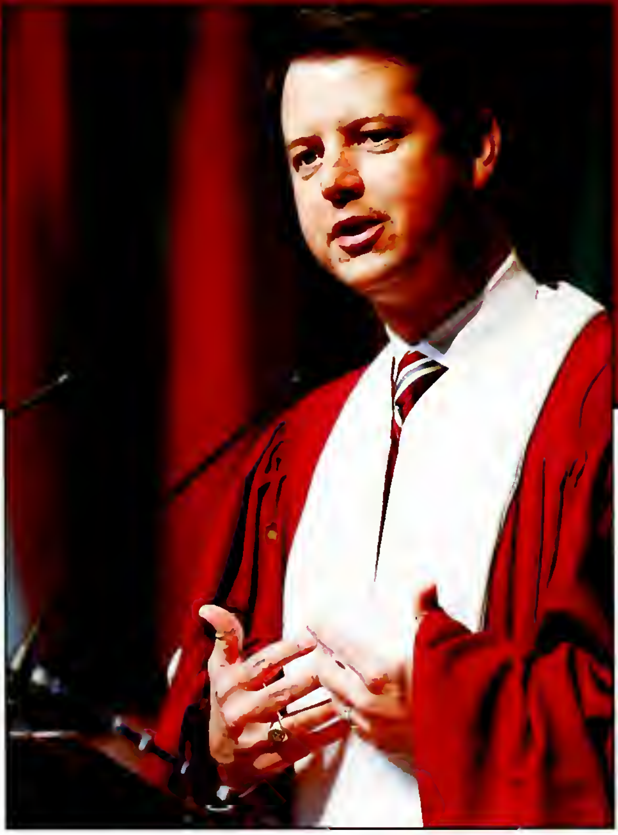
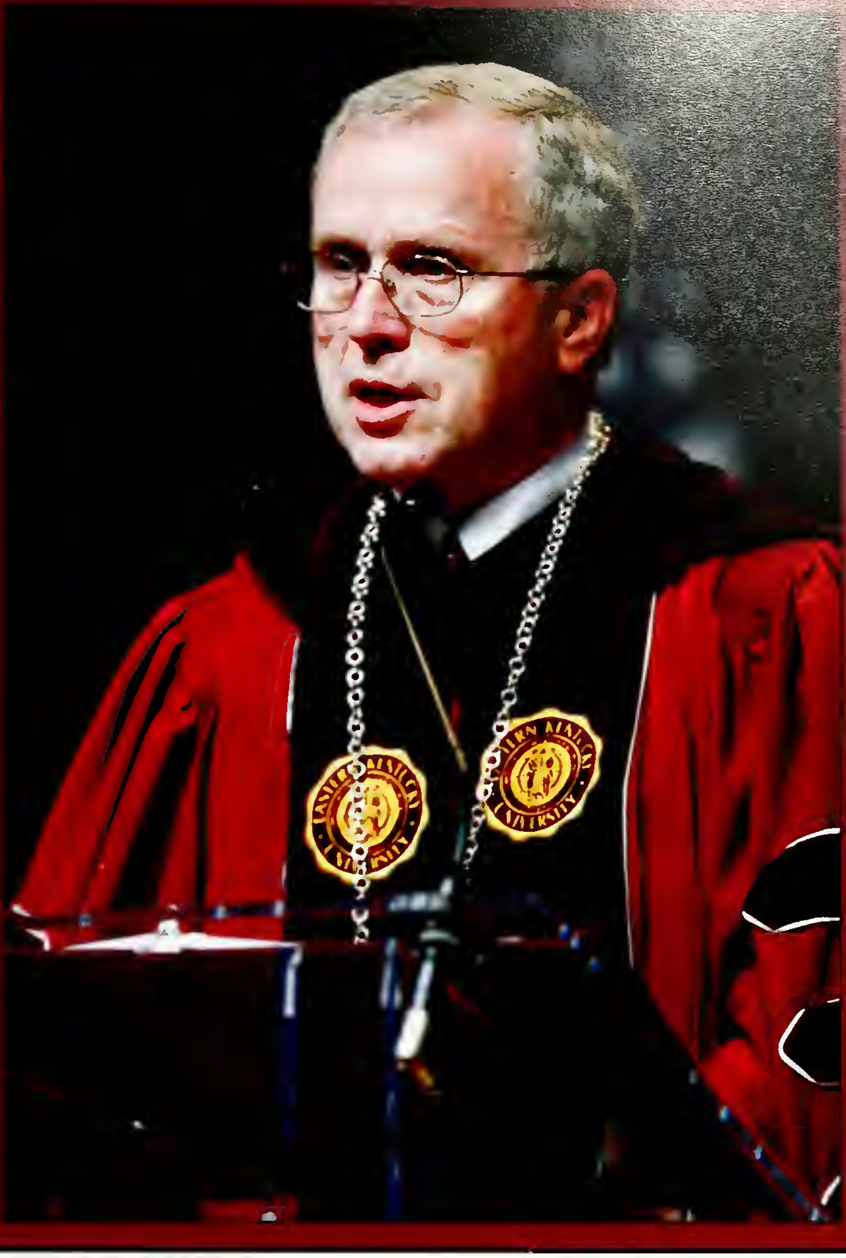


Above: Hunter Bates, the chair of the board of regents, addresses the spring 2008 graduates.



Left: Eastern President Doug Whitlock gives the senior class of 2008 his last words of wisdom before awarding the diplomas.
Below: A graduate rejoices after finally receiving his degree.

The long and winding road

"It is good to have an end to journey toward; but it is the journey that matters in the end."

- Ursula K. Le Guin, author and poet

All that hard work and years of dedication for classes finally paid off.

Final grades, papers, tests, and projects were completed.

Seniors walked on stage with their fellow classmates celebrating accomplishments that were once just a hope.

Freshman year flashbacks showed moving into the residence halls knowing no one and fearing what the roommate was going to bring to the living environment. We all learned to adapt to the campus life.

Sophomore year was a carbon copy of the year before.

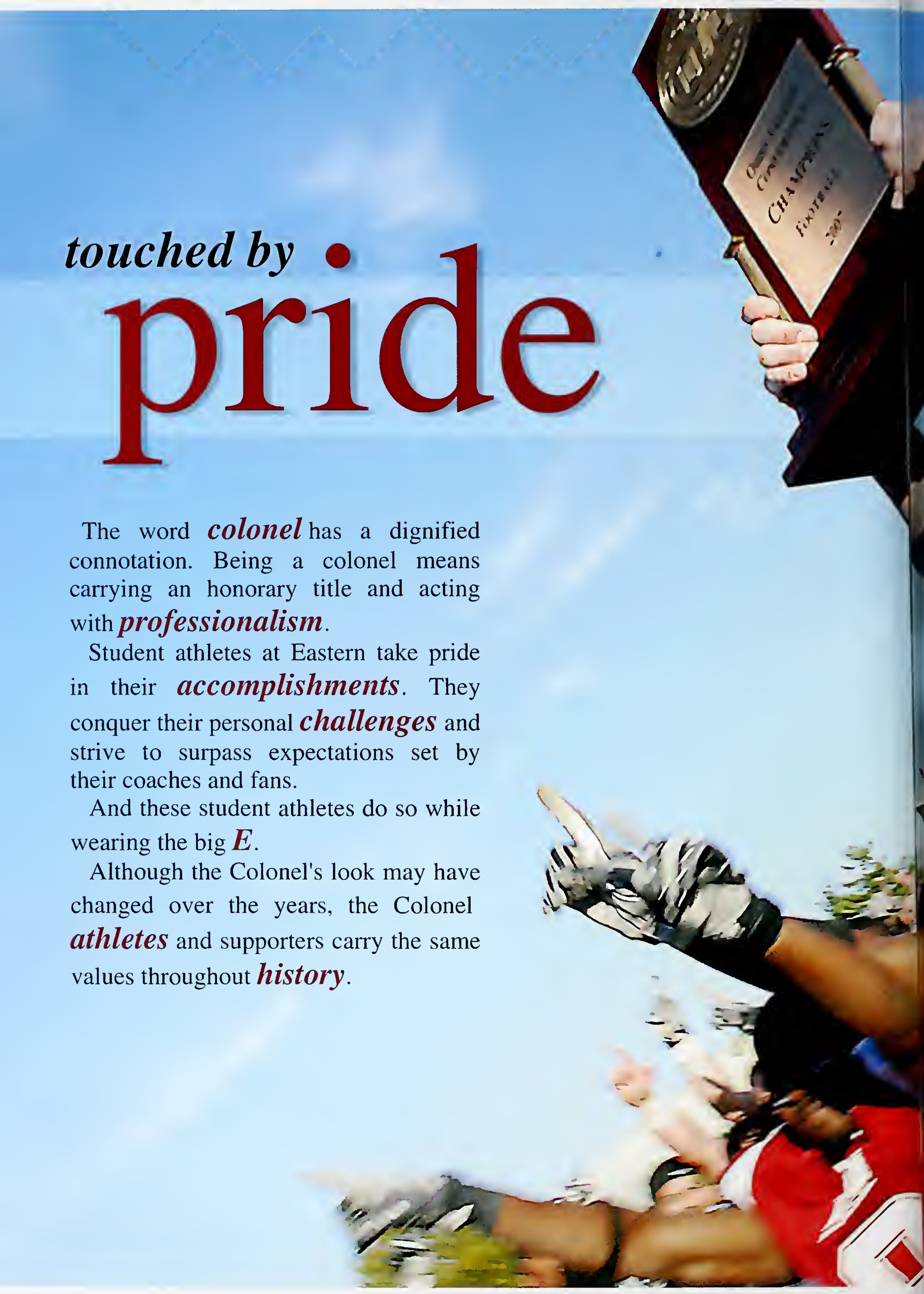
Junior year brought choosing a major and beginning to make adult decisions for the future to come.

And senior year focused on gearing up for the moment here: graduation.

On Saturday, May 10, 2008, graduates, friends and family gathered to participate in the ceremony of acknowledging all the hard work done.

Nothing could get in the way of the pride and fulfillment bursting out of each graduate. There was a satisfaction of knowing there are no more assignments ahead unless a graduate program is in the future for them.

The ceremonies began at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. It took place in the Alumni Coliseum with a speaker from each class. It was a day to never be forgotten.



touched by pride

The word ***colonel*** has a dignified connotation. Being a colonel means carrying an honorary title and acting with ***professionalism***.

Student athletes at Eastern take pride in their ***accomplishments***. They conquer their personal ***challenges*** and strive to surpass expectations set by their coaches and fans.

And these student athletes do so while wearing the big ***E***.

Although the Colonel's look may have changed over the years, the Colonel ***athletes*** and supporters carry the same values throughout ***history***.

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beginning with *desire*

Eastern's football team began the season ranked fourth in the conference. But this didn't go over well with the Colonels.

The Colonels, coached by alum and AFCA Division I FCS (AA) Coach of the Year Danny Hope, set high goals for themselves coming into 2007, but early season losses to state rivals Kentucky and Western Kentucky threatened to put a damper on the season.

"Everyone was disappointed in themselves because we knew we could have played a lot better against those teams," junior quarterback Allan Holland said. "The next week of practice after each one of those losses was the most intense we had all year. I think after the Western loss we found out who we really were and started playing our type of ball."

A 31-20 win at Jacksonville State proved to be just the boost needed to ignite the Maroon football fire.

"We made a promise to each other after the Jacksonville State game," Cody Hamlin, captain senior linebacker said. "We didn't like the way losing felt; we were going to win."

The Colonels went on to win every regular season game, including Easterns first OVC title since 1997. It was the 19th title in school history and the first for Coach Hope.

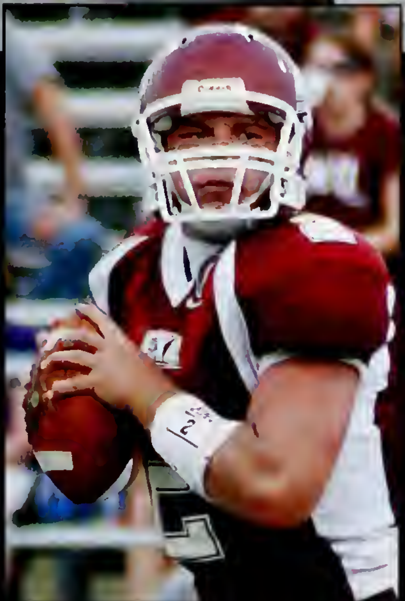
Despite an impressive season showing, the Colonels were knocked off in the first round of the Division I FCS playoffs in a 14-31 loss at the University of Richmond.

"It was heartbreaking for everyone," Hamlin said. "We didn't play our game."

This season marked the 30th consecutive winning season for Colonel football, as well as the most wins since 1995.

A number of Colonels were also recognized for their superb play. Holland was named OVC Offensive Player of the Year and senior safety Derrick Huff took home the OVC Defensive Player of the Year award. Fourteen Eastern players were also named to the All-OVC team.

Next year, the Colonels will look to build on an already impressive record. If this year is any indication, then the future is definitely bright.



Top: The Colonels huddle and chant before the first season game against the Kentucky Wildcats.
Far left: Senior runningback Bobby Washington gains a few yards on the ground against Tennessee Tech.
Left: Junior quarterback Allan Holland looks for an open receiver.
Above: Senior runningback Mark Dunn stiffarms a defender to gain six yards on the carry.

finishing with confidence

COLONELS
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CHAMPIONS

"We feel like we've ***really worked hard*** over the past several years to be in position to win a ***national championship***."

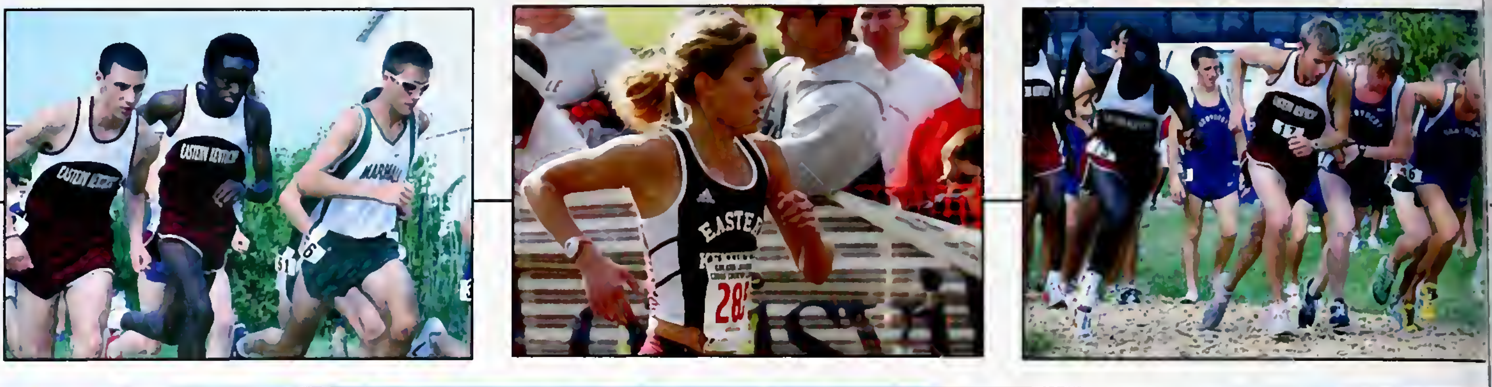
- Head Coach Danny Hope

Top: Junior defensive lineman Chris Coy brings down a ball carrier in Eastern's 43-20 win against the Samford Bulldogs.
Above: Junior quarterback Allan Holland manages a pass with a Tennessee State defender nearby. The Colonels dominated the Tigers on Homecoming weekend with a 49-7 victory.

Senior linebacker Jules Montinar fails to tackle Kentucky Wildcat tailback Tony Dixon in Eastern's first contest of the season. The Colonels fell 10-51.

COLONEL
SCOREBOARD

Kentucky	10	51	L
Western Carolina	45	21	W
Western Kentucky	6	26	L
Jacksonville State	31	20	W
Samford	43	20	W
Eastern Illinois	28	21	W
Southeast Missouri	44	17	W
Tennessee State	49	7	W
Murray State	46	35	W
Austin Peay	28	14	W
Tennessee Tech	38	24	W
Richmond	14	31	L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Top: The Colonels began their season with a meet at Eastern's woodchip trail. Eastern's Jacob Korir and Katy Ankrom took home men and women's top honors. Korir continued to win but one first place trophies in the men's competitions. Above: Korir comes down the home stretch of the Colonels' first meet.

everlasting *endurance*

"Make sure you savor the moments because before you know it, it's over."

- Katy Ankrom

The Eastern cross country teams spent much of the 2007 season in the same way theyve spent past seasons: winning.

In the opening meet of the season, the mens cross country team defeated the Kentucky Wildcats and the Thundering Herd of Marshall. The women defeated Marshall, but were unable to overcome Kentucky.

And seniors Jacob Korir and Katy Ankrom both brought home first-place finishes to lead Eastern to victory at the Western Kentucky Old Times Classic.

The Samford Invitational at Hoover, Ala., would prove to be another step forward in solidifying Easterns dominance in a stacked conference. Both the men and womens teams were successful in defending their OVC titles, making it the 22nd title for the women and 16th for the men.

The teams finished the regular season with a third-place finish for the men and fourth place at the Greater Louisville Classic, which featured 70 teams from across the nation.

Korir, along with teammate Joseph Maina, received bids to nationals. Korir finished sixth, which is his best career finish in four tries at nationals and was named an All-American for the third time. Maina came in at 113th.

Capping another successful year, Head Coach Rick Erdmann was bestowed the honor of men and womens coach of the year. When asked about this illustrious award, Coach Erdmann is quick to deflect the attention to his team.

"Its not something I dwell on," Erdmann said. "Im pleased. Ive been doing this a long time. I would rather see the kids succeed."

This humble nature and one-for-all attitude must run in the cross country family.

Korir is more interested in thanking the fans, coaches and administration than discussing the many accolades and the national attention he has garnered.

"Everybody plays a role. Winning is only a small portion of success," said the OVC male athlete of the year and three time All-American.

Korir is also the third person in Ohio Valley Conference history to win four conference championships.

The members of the Eastern cross country team have proved themselves to be an elite group who live by a simple idea: Go out and compete.

"It's a unique opportunity that not everyone gets to experience," Ankrom said. "Make sure you savor the moments because before you know it, its over."

The women topped the cross country meets by placing first at the Samford Invitational and fourth at the Louisville Invitational.

Junior Joseph Maina will take senior Jacob Korir's place as the Colonel's top runner next year.

Senior Jacob Korir completed his career at Eastern with a sixth place finish at NCAA Nationals in Terre Haute, Ind.

Below: A Colonel forward battles against her opponent for control of the ball. Right: Freshman midfielder Ashley Green attempts a steal against her opponent.

determined to succeed

After last year's difficult season, Head Coach Lindsay Basalyga looked to improve on the teams 4-12-2 record.

The 2007 season looked bright from the start for the inexperienced group.

Soccer Buzz magazine ranked the Colonel recruiting class in the top three of the conference behind the defending champs from Samford University.

Eastern kicked off the regular season with a tie coming in double overtime at regionally-ranked Maryland. The Colonels also pulled out convincing wins over Jacksonville State with a score of 3-1 and a 2-0 shutout at Tennessee Tech with the superb goal play of freshman goalkeeper Stephanie Lynch.

The team finalized its season with a home victory over Evansville. Eastern outscored the Purple Aces 2-1.

"Our game against Evansville was a heartfelt game for our seniors," Lynch said. "We worked hard to pull off a win."

The Colonels ended the season with a 4-11-3 record and an abundance of hope for the future.

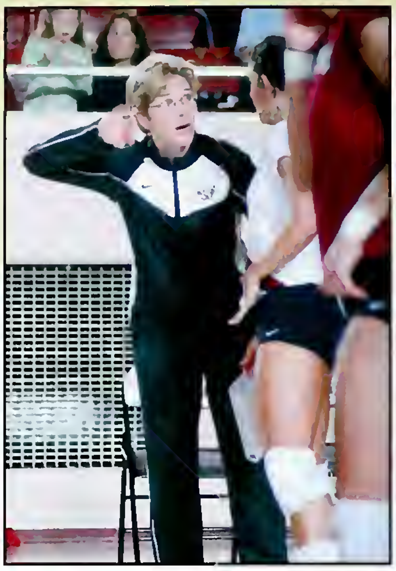
"I think we are only going to improve," said freshman midfielder Carly Muller. "I have confidence that we can be a great team; we just have to keep working to get the result we want. We are a young team and have so much to learn, but once we get it down, other teams better watch out."

Muller, along with teammate Jessica Goshert, was named to the Second Team All-OVC. With most of the team returning, the Lady Colonels have a strong foundation in which to build their army in 2008.

"It's a battle for 90 minutes," Lynch said. "Anything can happen on the field."

Above: The Colonels cheer for the starting Maroon lineup of Eastern's first soccer game of the 2007 season.

Far left: Sophomore midfielder Jessica Goshert dribbles the ball towards the goal against Murray State.
Left: A Colonel forward drives the ball downfield to her teammates.
Above: Sophomore forward Erika Kohler pushes the Colonel offense into the opponent's redzone.



Far right: Junior Bridget Mustard gets help in protecting the Colonel court by deflecting a ball from Southeast Missouri setter Sarah Barth. Right: Head Coach Lori Duncan pulls a player to the sidelines for instructions.
Below: The Colonels join in a team huddle before the game begins.

Digging the challenge

This season, the Colonels could not seem to pick up a winning streak nor dig themselves out of a hole of losses despite the will and determination of their maroon spirit.

Despite ups and downs, several records were broken during the season and new bars were set beginning with Brittany Nobilio, a senior out of Johnsburg, Ill., who scooped her way into the NCAA top 10 list and planted herself into third place nationally.

Nobilio took her spot in the Colonel lineup in 2004 as part of a team that maintained an unbroken home record for two years. However, it was the true test to push through adversity, as her senior season ended with a team record of 5-25 and 4-16 in the OVC.

Nobilio topped OVC charts for career-high digs at 2,079 and came out third in the NCAA with 2,454 digs.

While some may look at this year's season as a complete disappointment, Coach Lori Duncan begs to differ.

"Adversity is the only path to growth," Duncan said. "Without adversity, you never make it to the next level. There's no question that this year has brought more than its fair share of adversity, but see that as a path to growth."

The Colonels will return in fall 2008 with a team that has increasingly put itself on the map with character building and a growing intensity as a unit.

"Some matches we brought it and some matches we didn't," Duncan said. "Part of that is experience. Part of that is youth. But if that's it, then let's use every experience we have to be the team next year that's hard to beat because of the experience we had this year."

The Colonels, who could return to the court with almost the same exact bench (minus Nobilio) have the potential to raise some eyebrows and make their presence known in the 2008-2009 season.

"What they do realize is that there is something to play for and it doesn't matter what our record is," Duncan said. "A record cannot and will not define us."

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Above: Sophomore Kirby Barnhart and junior Amanda Wilson prepare to block a spike from a Morehead State player while freshman Kate Hendle stands by.
Left: Senior Brittany Nobilio preps for a dig as her teammate returns the ball across court.

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Junior Adam Leonard goes for a layup against a Morehead State defender in Alumni Coliseum.

They got game

Men's basketball

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Although Easterns men's basketball team was unsuccessful in their bid to win back-to-back OVC championships, the 2007-2008 season was not without its highlights.

Junior guard Mike Rose continued to improve his quality of play heading into his senior season. The Napersville, Ill., native was named to the All-OVC first team after averaging 15.7 points per game and making 81.5 percent of his free throw attempts.

The Colonels lost two key players to graduation after the season. Seniors Darnell Dialls and Jamaal Douglas formed a solid big man combination down low for the Colonels. Dialls versatility made him a tough matchup for opponents.

The senior from Lexington averaged 12.3 points and 6.3 rebounds per game for the Colonels.

Freshman Justin Stommes emerged as a rising star for the Colonels. The Cold Spring, Minn., native became a starter shortly after the season began. His length and passing ability proved to be a valuable asset for Eastern.

As a team, Eastern experienced its share of highs and lows throughout an inconsistent season. The Colonels were forced to overcome adversity late in the season after a pair of four-game losing streaks early in the campaign.

The Colonels caught fire at a good time during conference play, however. Eastern won six of seven OVC games at one point during conference play and pulled to within a half game of second place in the conference as the season began to wind down.

However, the team was unable to keep up their winning ways as they struggled down the stretch. The Colonels lost four of their last five regular season conference games and fell to eighth in the OVC standings.

This drop in the standings forced the Colonels to play Austin Peay, the OVC's top team, in the first round. Despite a team-high 17 points from sophomore point guard Adam Leonard, the Colonels fell to the Governors in the first round of the OVC tournament.

The loss left the Colonels with an overall record of 14-16 and a 10-10 record in conference play.

The Colonels will head into the 2008-2009 season with some holes to fill in their front court with the departure of Dialls and Douglas, but Rose, Stommes and several other players will bring the scoring ability and athleticism Eastern will need to be successful next season.

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Jamaal Douglas

The senior from the Bahamas finished his career in 2008. Douglas averaged five points and four rebounds per game in 2008 and was a valuable player during his time at Eastern.

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Darnell Dialls

The Lexington native was a four-year starter during his Colonel career. Dialls averaged 12.3 points per game and led the team in rebounds during his senior campaign.

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Mike Rose

The junio from Naperville, Ill., lived up to his pre-season All-OVC expectations in 2008. He led the Colonels in scoring and was named to the 2008 All-OVC First Team following the season.

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Adam Leonard

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Senior Center Darnell Dialls rises to block a dunk attempt by a Jacksonville State player during a home game on Jan. 17. Dialls scored nine points and grabbed eight rebounds during the 71-55 Colonel victory.

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▸▸ *Women's basketball*

bouncin' *back*

Right: LaTonyah Bentley dives for a loose ball during a game against conference rival Morehead State.

Above: Senior Crystal Jones attempts a three-pointer during a game at McBrayer Arena. Right: Crystal Jones splits a double team during a home game against Morehead State.

Crystal Jones and LaTanya Stokes attempt to avoid a pair of Morehead State defenders.

The 2007-2008 season saw Eastern make great strides over the 2006-2007 team that finished 12-18. The Lady Colonels finished seventh in the 11-team Ohio Valley Conference with a 9-11 conference record and a 14-14 mark overall.

Eastern's tough conference schedule featured home wins over third-place and eventual conference tournament champion Murray State and second-place Samford at Alumni Coliseum.

The Lady Colonels also came heartbreakingly close to beating conference regular season champion Southeast Missouri in Richmond.

Three seniors paced the Eastern attack.

Guard Crystal Jones was picked to the pre-season All-OVC team. Jones lived up to the billing, averaging 15.8 points a game, tops for the team. Her finest hour came in a game that the Lady Colonels needed to win most, scoring 26 points in the Easterns victory over Austin Peay. The win secured a spot for the Lady Colonels in the OVC tournament. The OVC named the Kaskaskia College transfer first team all-conference for her efforts in the season.

Guard Ashley Cazee averaged 13.8 points a game for Eastern. She was the OVC Player of the Week for helping Eastern win the Florida Gulf Coast University Thanksgiving Classic.

Guard Niki Avery averaged 11.8 points a game and had a 41 percent three-point shooting percentage, averaging almost three 3 pointers a game. She scored 26 points against Jacksonville State.

Despite losing the tremendous on-court leadership of these senior bellwethers, the Lady Colonels have plenty of talented players to make for an exciting 2008-2009 campaign.

Sophomore Shavonne Jones scored 30 points against Murray State in Eastern's win over the Racers. She finished fourth in the team in scoring.

The Lady Colonels potent offense put up some impressive numbers that earned national notice. Eastern averaged 71.9 points per game, the 37th highest total in the NCAA, and averaged more than 10 steals a game, the 58th of all NCAA teams.

Despite losing in the first-round of the OVC tournament, Eastern had some wonderful performances by three impressive seniors and an up-and-coming group of underclasswomen that saw an improvement over the previous season.

Bringing the heat

With one doubleheader against Eastern Illinois and the Ohio Valley Conference tournament left, Eastern baseball stood at 22-24-1 overall and 9-12 OVC. The team spurted along with wins and losses in groupings of two and three throughout the entire season.

The Colonels' strength of schedule was increased greatly with its scheduling of matches against non-conference teams such as Louisville, Central Michigan, Akron and Illinois.

Inconsistency is the word to describe Easterns wins and losses. With wins over teams such as Toledo, Vermont, Miami (Ohio), and Western Kentucky, Eastern gave up losses to Illinois State, Bucknell and Georgetown (Ky.).

The Colonels' star player could be found on the mound in 2008, left-handed junior Christian Freidrich. With a then ERA of 1.78, he had a .142 batting average against everyone who faced him while he was pitching. He was ranked eighth in the nation in strikeouts per innings at 12.01 and fourth in the nation in hits allowed per nine innings at 4.84. The preseason all-American was ranked sixth-best MLB prospect in college baseball by Baseball America.

The teams leaders came in the form of a hefty senior class; seven will head out the door.

Tyler Barnett put together a solid season with a .248 batting average, 38 hits and the most stolen bases of any senior with 10.

Joe Oliver batted a .282 in 149 attempts at the plate, had 18 runs and 42 hits.

Frank Krailler scored a run and collected an RBI for Eastern every fifth time at the plate on average.

Clint Seymour had an impressive 21 runs for only 89 at bats and stole every base ever attempted in his senior year.

Michael Mulholland kept batters at a .253 batting average while on the mound and totaled 23 strikeouts.

Blake Anderson made the most of his chances at bat keeping a .300 average at the plate.

McKenzie Willoughby led the seniors with three homeruns and 50 hits, second on the team in doubles and innings played. He totaled 44 strikeouts on the season, still keeping opponents at a .269 batting average.

Above: Freshman Jayson Langfells is greeted by his teammates in front of the dugout after scoring a run.
Right: Junior Matt Davis runs back to second base during a home game against Bradley.

Below: Junior Christian Friedrich goes into his windup during a Colonel home game at Turkey Hughes Field. Friedrich is projected to be a first round draft pick in the Major League Baseball Amateur Draft.

Above: Junior lefty Christian Friedrich winds up to throw a pitch during an Eastern home game against Bradley. Friedrich was named to several All-American lists before his junior season at Eastern.
Left: An Eastern hitter attempts to make contact with a pitch during a game at Turkey Hughes Field.

Senior Chanze Patterson slides headfirst into home to avoid the tag from the opposing catcher.

Rounding third and heading for *home*

Eastern's softball team was picked preseason to finish the season third in the Ohio Valley Conference and that's exactly what they did.

With eight returning starters, including two pitchers from last year's squad who went 24-31 and 14-12 in OVC play, Eastern improved.

The improvement was obvious in 2008 as the Colonels went 28-20, 17-10 OVC.

Going into the OVC tournament, the Colonels lost back-to-back games, first to Samford then to Tennessee Tech in the elimination round.

Eastern will lose three seniors: infielders Chanze Patterson and Adriel Foxley, and outfielder Katie Rolf.

Top: Coach Jane Worthington meets with the players on the pitcher's mound. Above: An Eastern player attempts to slide into second base. Right: Senior Adriel Foxley swings at a pitch during a home game. Far Right: Sophomore Jena Hadley settles into her batting stance.

Above: Sophomore Shyenne Hussey keeps an eye on an opposing runner.

Left: Sophomore Michelle Lerner lays down a bunt. Above: Junior Kalyn Fox winds up to throw a pitch.

Top left: Head Coach Pat Stephens instructs a Colonel golfer before a hole. Above: An Eastern golfer sizes up a putt on the green. Top right: An Eastern golfer looks out toward a water hazard. Right: Junior Jesse Massie prepares to tee off on a hole during a match at UK. Far right: Massie winds up before he swings.

Driving *toward* *dominance*

The men's golf team capped a successful season with a trip to the 2008 NCAA tournament. The Colonels, making the trip to the tournament for the second time, competed as a 22-seed in the central region.

Many of the teams in the bracket were familiar faces. The Colonels have already faced off against Illinois, Penn State, Marquette, Ohio State, Cleveland State and Indiana. The first round took place May 15-17 at Ohio State University in Columbus.

Helmed by "born leader" Justin Moore, the Colonels were able to grab first-place finishes in the Morehead State Kick-Off Invitational, BGSU John Piper Intercollegiate, EKU Colonel Classic and the Indiana Invitational, giving them the momentum needed to make an exciting run in the post season.

In April, the Colonels picked up their 11th OVC title, defeating intrastate rivals Murray State by 19 shots at the Country Club of Paducah. The team finished play with a total of 874 points.

In his 11th year as head coach, Pat Stephens was awarded, for the second time, the Ohio Valley Conference Coach of the Year award at the conclusion of the tournament. Senior Phil Hendrickson was named Player of the Year.

"Coming into the season, I had very high expectations for myself and the team," Hendrickson said. "I won the Kentucky State A.M. and the Kentucky Open as well. I made it to the U.S. Amateur and made it to match play, and I knew we had a great team that could do some damage in college golf this year. We have made a big statement."

Off the green, the Colonels have been equally successful.

This spring, the team received the NCAA Division I Academic Progress Rate Public Recognition award. The award measures a team's academic success.

"It is a great plus for our program and a honor for our student athletes," Stephens said. "The golf team not only can get it done on the golf course, but also takes care of business in the classroom. They definitely have their priorities in place."

Getting *into* the Swing of *things*

The women's golf season ended in Muscle Shoals, Ala., with a loss in the Ohio Valley Conference Championships.

Going into the second round, the Colonels were poised to make a run for second place. Several times, the Murray State Racers and Colonels switched places. The team overcame a 12-shot deficit to propel them into the number two spot, but unfortunately they would finish two shots behind Murray State.

The Colonels were led by Leslie Booth and Gabrielle Anderson, who finished tied for sixth. Jacksonville State took the title home.

After finishing a close third in the OVC, the Colonels look to improve and revamp the team with the addition of six exciting players.

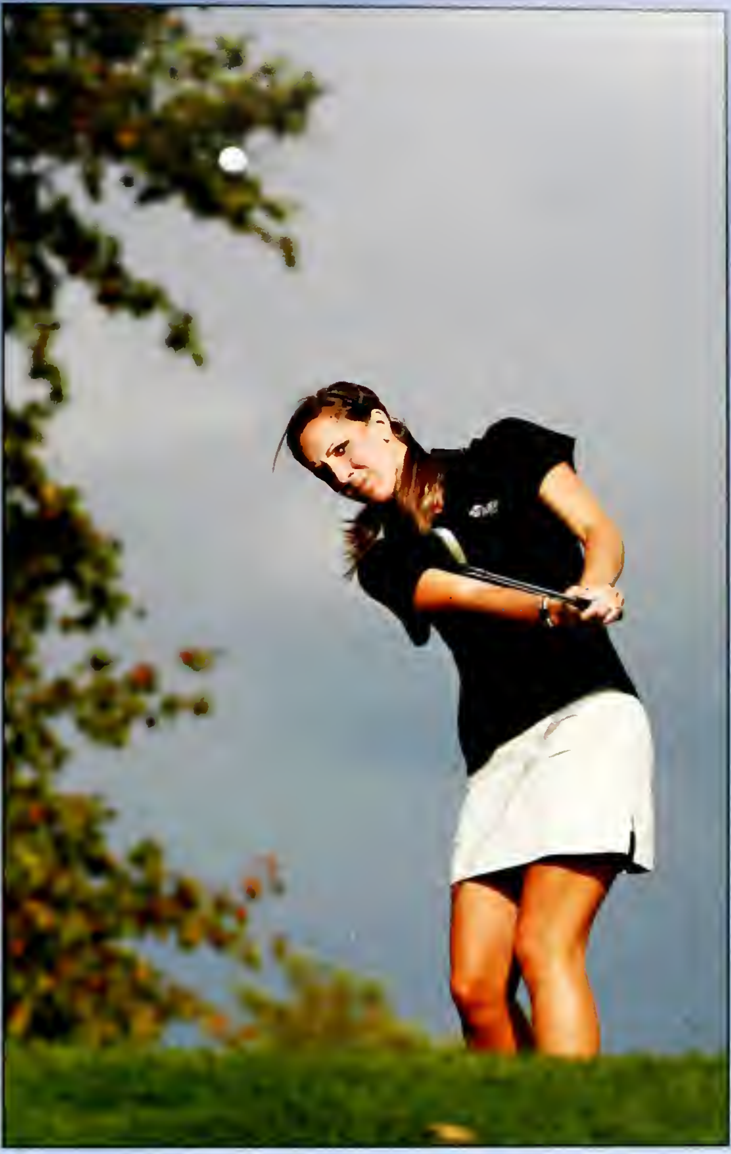
Incoming freshmen Taylor Church, Kara Fant, Linda Hogberg, Lindsey Rankin, Alex Schmidt and Katie Wiedmar, each with winning histories, should be able to immediately impact the Lady Colonels, who will lose seniors Leslie Booth, Kelli Warner and Melissa Rosloniec.

"The senior leadership was very important into our season," Warner said. "All three of us have played in almost every tournament while at Eastern and have a lot of experience in different situations. We all three came together with our different aspects of leadership, trying to be good leaders to the younger girls both on and off the golf course."

While the ladies did not reach the NCAA tournament this year, they did have impressive showings at a number of tournaments, most notably the Lady Indian Classic hosted by Arkansas State University. The team managed to move from a tie in ninth place, 22 shots behind the leader, to the second-place slot.

Right: Melissa Rosloniec takes a swing to pull her ball out of the pit.

Right: Gabrielle Andersson attempts a shot from the rough.
Below: Charlotte Lundell practices good form.



Above: Kelli Warner looks on after a shot from the fairway.
Left: Jena Spenske drives a ball down the green.

Right: Elkana Kurgat runs with the pack. Kurgat runs long distance for Eastern and holds the fifth fastest 1500m time for an Eastern athlete.

Below: George Bailey runs the 100 and 200 for Eastern.

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Running with the Colonels

A year of broken records and an unexpected key addition to the team made Eastern's track and field season an overall success for 2007-08.

Like he had done all year, senior All-American Jacob Korir turned in one of the best 5,000 meter times in the country at the Tyson Invitational Feb. 15 and 16 at the University of Arkansas.

The same weekend in Bloomington, Ind., at the Hoosier Hills Invitational, junior Tulane transfer Shannon Davis, who came to Eastern to play football, won the men's 60-meter dash while finishing second in the 200-meter dash.

The following weekend at the Ohio Valley Conference Indoor Championships, Eastern finished on top of preseason favorite Eastern Illinois, defeating them by 18 points.

Korir won individual titles at the meet in the 5,000 meters and the mile run. Davis won the 55-meter dash and the 200-meter dash.

On the women's side, senior Katy Ankrom finished first in the mile run.

At the Notre Dame Last Chance meet on March 8, Korir ran the second-fastest indoor 800 time in school history behind Steve Maina, who set the record in 2006.

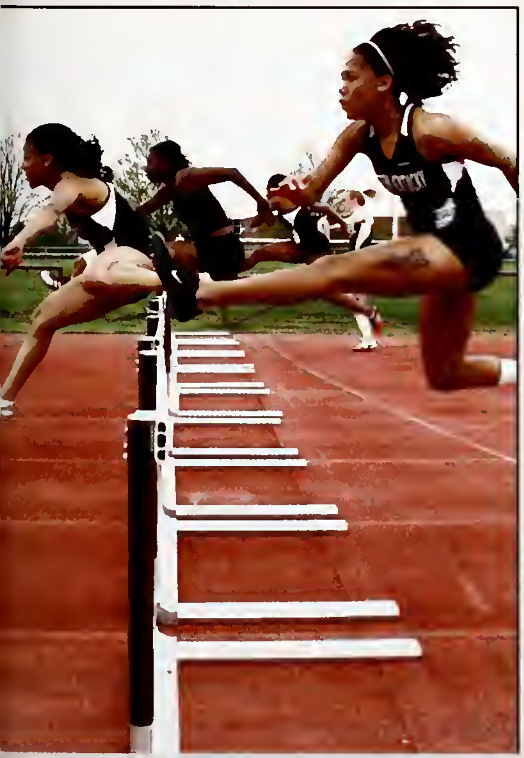
> **"We are very proud of our young men, their character, and their respect of other student-athletes in the OVC."**
>
> - Rick Erdmann
> *men's head coach*

Beginning the outdoor season at the Raleigh Relays at North Carolina State, Eastern won two events with Davis winning the 100-meter dash, while the 4 by 1500 relay team of Korir, Stanley Mugo, Joseph Maina and Chris Rengifo won their event.

On April 18, on their own track at the EKU Open, the home team dominated, taking home victories in several events.

For the women, senior Carrie Crofford won the 5,000 meters. Freshman Jasmyn Norris placed first in the 400-meter hurdles. The mens 4 by 100 relay team also won their event. The Colonels also won the 1500 meters, the 110 meter hurdles, 800 meters and the 200 meters.

Overall, the Colonel track and field team had another successful season in a long line of successful ones, adding to the tradition with one of the best runners the school has ever seen departing and an unexpected key cog making great contributions to the team.



Top: Maria Doerger is a senior who was named to the All-OVC first team.
Left: Junior Iceca Epps leads in the hurdle followed by freshman Jasmyn Norris (forefront).
Above: Junior Joseph Maina and freshman David Willis pulls past the others around them.

Right: Frederico Goncalves returns a serve.
Below: Goncalves and Johannes John shake hands after a match against the University of Dayton.
Bottom: Alex Das Izquierdo makes contact with the ball.

Game, set, match

The men's tennis team go 16-12 for season

The 2007-2008 season was a topsy-turvy one for the EKU mens tennis team.

The Colonels won four of their last five spring matches en route to earning a number-three seed in the Ohio Valley Conference tournament to cap off the regular season.

One of the main highlights of the season for EKU was freshman Alex Das Izquierdo, who finished the season 6-1 against conference foes in singles matches.

Das Izquierdo, a native of Valencia, Spain, was named to the All-OVC team. The standout also received the honor of being named the OVC Men's Freshman of the Year. Junior Mel Segota was also named to the All-OVC second team.

However, the Colonels found that with the ups, come the downs.

Eastern found themselves playing a few matches this season without their No. 1 player, Das Izquierdo, when he was forced to stay on the sidelines with a sprained ankle.

The impact of his loss was huge.

"With him, we would have had a very good chance of winning the matches that we didn't win," EKU head tennis coach Rob Oertel said. "The trip to Ball State, it definitely hurt us that Alex Das Izquierdo was out with a sprain."

The void created by the loss of Das Izquierdo was filled, at times, by teammates such as Segota and Frederico Goncalves.

The two were among the players that stepped up their play during the absence of the team's No. 1 and shined even in matches that were lost.

After the return of Das Izquierdo, Eastern still had battles to win in the form of the OVC tournament.

Third-seeded EKU was sent packing after the first round.

The Colonels were knocked out of the tournament by sixth-seeded University of Tennessee-Martin.

The Colonels finished the season 16-12 and were 6-3 in the OVC.

Right: Meredith Giles returns a volley.
Below left: Giles adds some power to her game.
Below right: Giles watches and waits while playing doubles with Anouk Faure.

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Tennis, anyone?

The EKU women's tennis team enjoyed a successful 2008 season, the most successful women's team since Head Coach Rob Oertel took charge in 2002.

The Colonels went 19-7 in the regular season.

Eastern finished second in the Ohio Valley Conference, which earned them a second-seed position in the OVC tournament.

The Colonels made it all the way to the final game, and nearly captured the conference title for the first time ever, but were beaten by eventual tournament champions Samford.

Eastern also had a 10-game winning streak during the regular season that was eventually spoiled by the same Samford team that would ruin the Colonel's conference title hopes in the OVC tournament.

Juniors Svetlana Pimenova and Alexandra Sitnikova were both honored with being named to the All-OVC first team.

Sitnikova, a Khazakstan-native, won 18 singles matches this season.

Freshman Myriem Mhirit, a Morrocco native, also made strong appearances in some of her matches and proved that she can make an impact.

Senior Meredith Giles and freshman Anouk Faure also provided some bright sparks for the Colonels during the season.

And they all proved that they can perform during pressure situations, which may have secured some of the returning players a position in next year's squad.

"If they can come through in situations like that, they are the players you want to stick with," Oertel said.

Oertel also attributed some of the team's success to its abilities to enjoy the pressure of playing talented teams, to play fearless tennis and to perform as a tightly-knit group.

And this year's EKU women's tennis team has proved that when those factors are present, so success will be.

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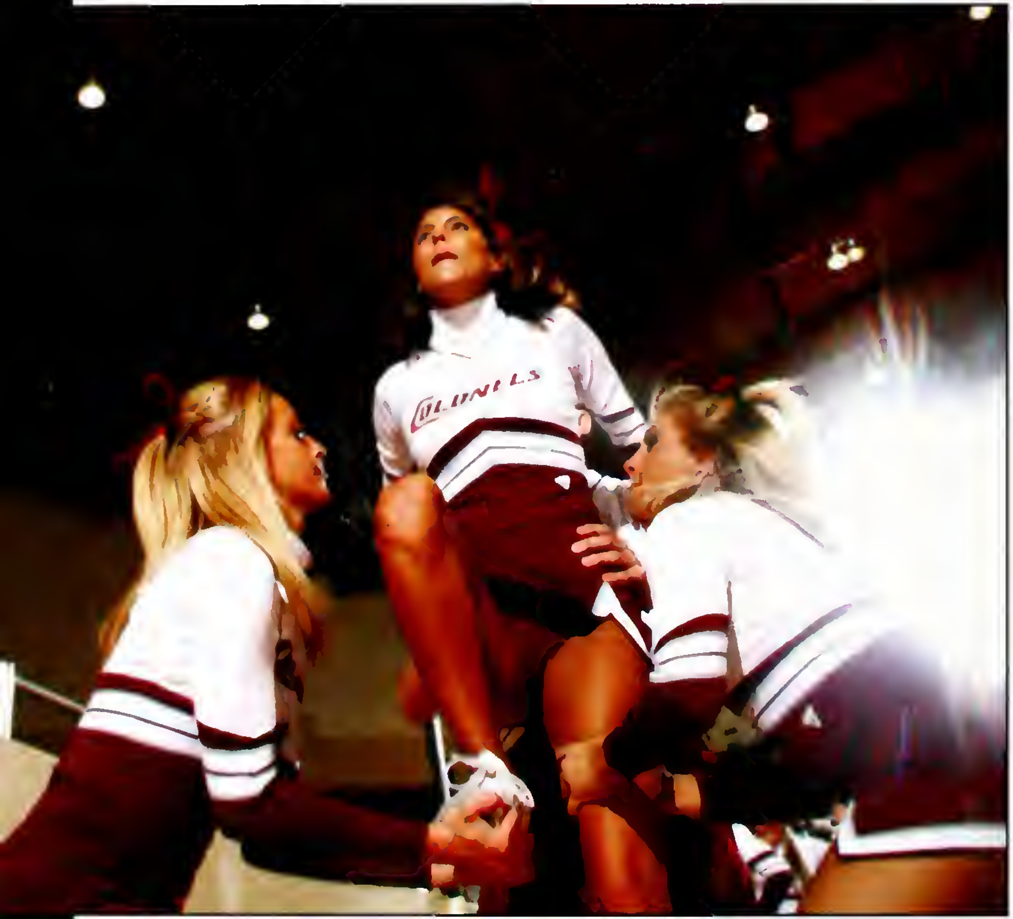
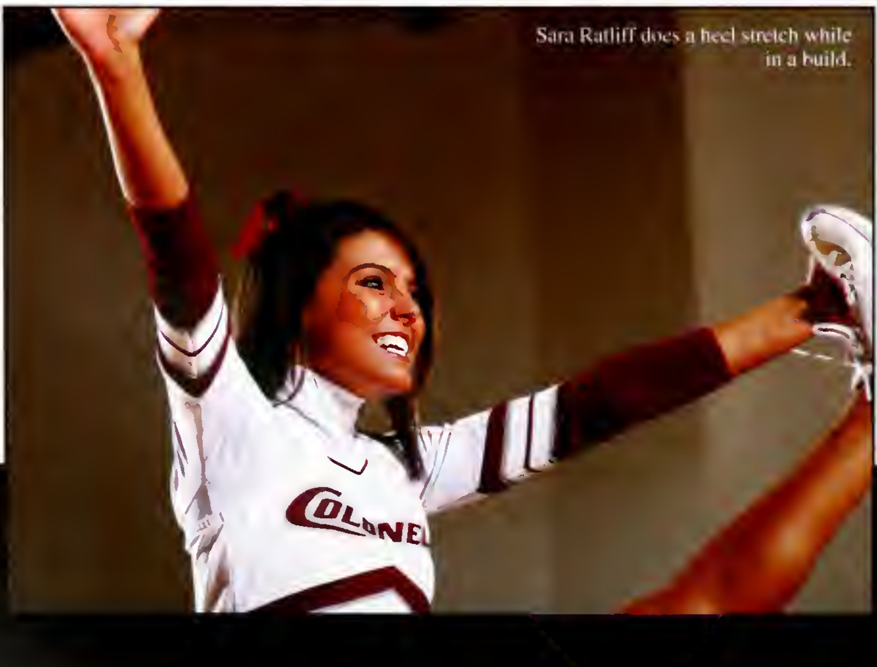
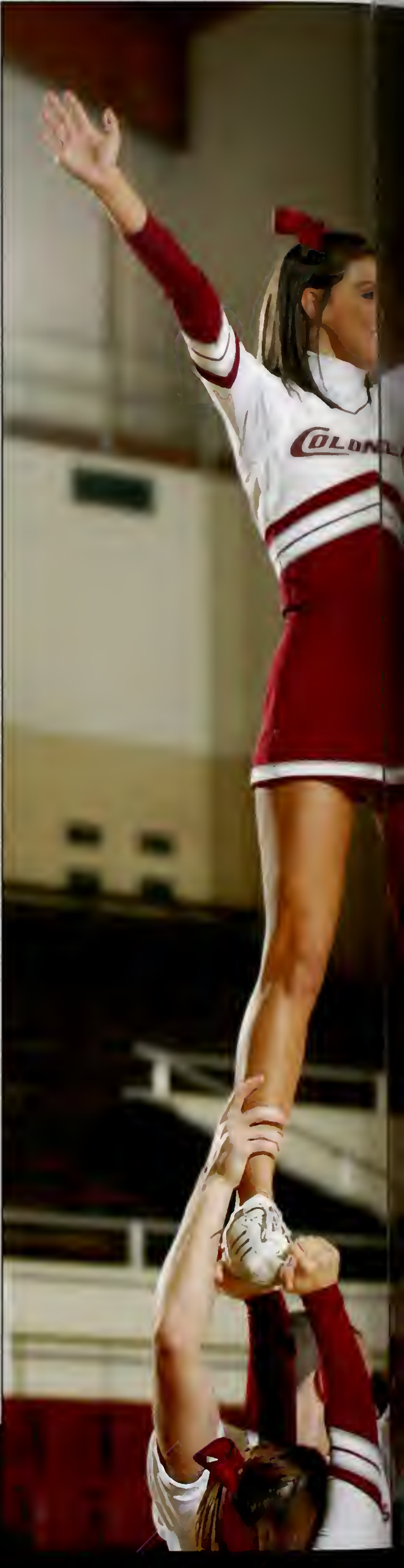
Right: The Colonel helps Josh Board and Greg Stephens distribute T-shirts at a basketball game.
Below: Abby Dillingham, Sara Ratliff and Lakan Looney prepare for a build.





Sara Ratliff does a heel stretch while in a build.



Left: Sara Ratliff attempts to pump up the crowd at an Eastern basketball game.
Below: Brittany Brown, Lakan Looney, Brittany Cartwright and Abby Dillingham keep an eye on the action.

Blood * sweat and cheers

Cheerleading is much like any other sport depending on who is discussing the activity.

In fact, some say because it is not a physical exertion it isn't a sport. However, if talking to a cheerleader or past cheerleader you'd probably hear a much different story.

Thankfully, Eastern Kentucky University offers a cheerleading team for anyone who likes cheering and providing enthusiasm for the football and basketball players during game seasons.

Whether having previous experience or not, someone can become a part of the squad if they can perform the required moves as stated by the coach at try-outs.

Try-outs can be demanding and require hard work, but a candidate can expect the same once pre-season gets under way. Because cheerleading takes place at both football and basketball games, it is the one sport that performs year-round. Therefore, the candidate can also expect to develop time management skills for practice, schoolwork, friends, classes and time out on the road at away games.

Cheerleading, in the end, is as much fun as other sports, but time-consuming and requires much effort to perfect the routines. Dedication makes the squad worth watching.

The girls have rhythm...

Often, fans make the mistake in confusing Eastern's dance team with their cheerleaders; however, these two groups have extreme differences.

Not only does the dance team's beautiful and extravagant uniforms differ with each performance, but they have different motives for the Colonel fans as well.

Although they tend to get the fans excited at each football and basketball game, their initial motive is to entertain and give the fans another reason to support their teams.

The team begins practicing with early tryouts in April. The tryouts include four hours of dancing, and showing off new routines and techniques. Most of the dance team members have a long career of dancing in their pasts, which initiates their interest in the school's dance team.

"I decided to try out because I danced in high school. I love being in the football and basketball games, and performing in front of crowds," said Nicole Oros, a freshman dancer.

Megan Ries, another freshman dancer, was one who had even a longer history of dance in her life.

"I love dancing. I've done it since I was three," Ries said. "I've had a lot of ups and downs with dance and I wasnt ready to give it up yet so I thought [trying out] was a good idea.

The dancers enjoy their time spe performing on the Colonels' turf, but hav many fun experiences when they travel a well.

"I thought the UK Football game at U was unreal," Ries said. "There were so man people and it was my first game [wit EKU]."

However, the dancers are not simply all fu and games. They enter competitions as well.

"I think the most fun was performing i Las Vegas at the USA Collegiate National in February," Oros said. "It was a chance fo our team to show was our talent was whil competing against the top dance teams in th country."

In order to be able to wholeheartedly enjoy such opportunities, the team spends its time in practice mode. Oros and Ries said they practice Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 5 to 8 p.m. and have at least one game to dance at each week. The team sometimes has additional practices before the nationa competitions.

"It definitely is a huge commitment," Oros said.

Reis said, "If you like performing in front of people, if you like wearing a lot of make up, if you like to be goofy with girls, if you love to dance, and if you love watching sports, then this [team] is for you."

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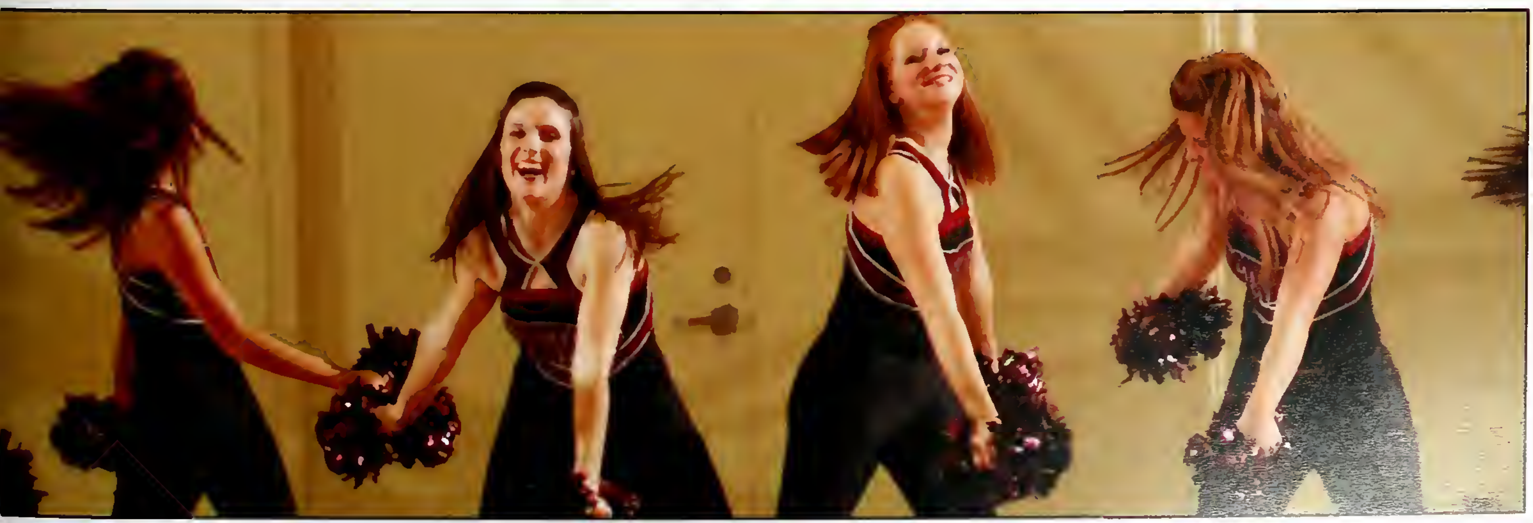
Opposite page:
Top: Kate Fox, Kim Golden, Alyson Dashner, Emily White, Lyndsey Taylor and Nicole Oros stand on the sidelines awaiting their performance.
Bottom: The Colonel tries to teach Jen Howell some new moves.
This page:
Above: The Colonel twirls Jen Howell.
Left: Courtney Buchinnani, Alyson Dashner, Chantel Henneman, Kim Golden, Nicole Oros and Emily White perform at halftime of a women's basketball game.
Below: Kim Golden, Alyson Dashner, Emily White and Lyndsey Taylor dance their hearts out on the sidelines in Alumni Coliseum.



The one and only
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Big-headed usually means arrogant, hard to get along with and unlikable.

Tyler Overley has a big head and he might be the most lovable character on campus.

Overley has the unique job of sporting an eight pound, two-and-a-half foot tall foam head. He is the Eastern Colonel.

"Kids love me," Overley said.

When he is dressed as the Colonel, he tries to make everyone he sees happy, especially the kids.

Overley, a sophomore fire safety major from Lexington, has been the Colonel for a year now. When he came to Eastern, he only planned on getting a degree; he never thought he would be Eastern's mascot. One of Overley's friends was his predecessor and convinced Overley to try out for the position.

"A prerequisite is that you have to be goofy," Overley said.

So he tried his...goofiest, and he got the job.

"I thought it would be fun, something different," he said.

Overley gets little more than love and a bit of recognition for being the Colonel. His salary is a scant $300 scholarship per semester.

"There is always just little stuff they call the Colonel for," he said.

And like most superheroes or mascots, Overley knows "everyone always watches [me]."

At football games, thousands of people watch from the stands as he performs and does hundreds of push-ups in the heat. He said it was one of the hardest things he does as the Colonel.

"It gets so hot," Overley said. "It was like 90 degrees, so for me it's 140 degrees."

That is why he said he loves water breaks.

Although Overley said that being the mascot can be hard, he enjoys doing it.

"I'm hoping to do it throughout the rest of my career."

> ***"It gets so hot. It was like 90 degrees, so for me it's 140 degrees."***
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> ***- Tyler Overley, mascot***

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Breaking the *ice*

Known as EKU's best kept secret, the Ice Colonels have spent 14 years undoubtedly evolving into a respectable hockey team that breathes energy, determination and raw talent.

From their first coach, Joe Curto, to hooking a new leadership team in 2006 to 2007, the Ice Colonels continue to skate toward a stronger foundation.

Coach Mike Sosnowski said it is important for his team to not only be leaders on the ice, but to be good examples as students as well.

When Sosnowski came to Eastern in 2006, it was his goal to help build the program, have fun and become a winning team. With former team captain Curt White as his assistant and newly-added Paul Ayers guiding the goalies, Sosnowski has stepped outside the box, recruiting players from all around the country for the first time in Ice Colonel history.

"It's real positive we got those kids to come this year," said Coach Mike Sosnowski.

This was also the first season the Colonels made cuts.

"That's always the worst day I have as a coach," Sosnsowski said. "I never want to tell a kid that. The positive side is, we're growing as a program."

With returning veterans, a full bench, strong coaching staff, and hundreds of fans, the Ice Colonels experienced their first winning season as a club team. They even regained the Golden Water Bottle from their rivals of Cincinnati.

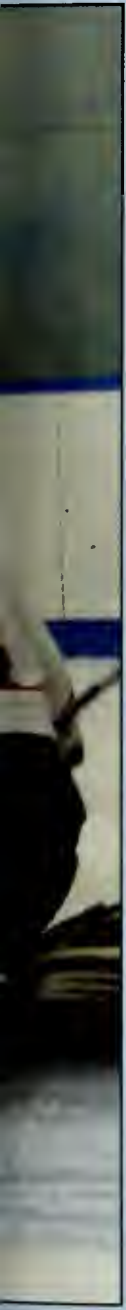
As the Lexington Ice Center draws empty while fans make their exit, the rink whistles cold air against the glass.

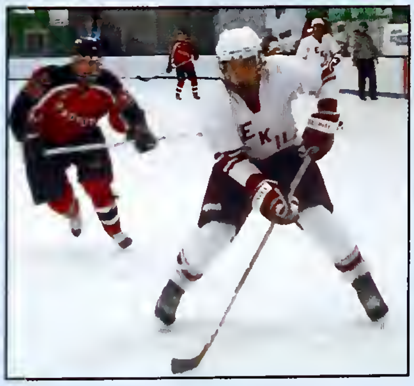
The newly-renovated locker room falls silent from the rummaging sticks and after-game-chatter, the back door closes and Sosnowski's goals are met.

However, it is his push for an even greater success that leaves fans with tons to scream about for next year's season.

Goalie Ryan McNutt makes a save at a home game.

Left: An Eastern hockey player faces off against a University of Cincinnati player.
Below: Derek Rusin watches as his teammate makes a break.

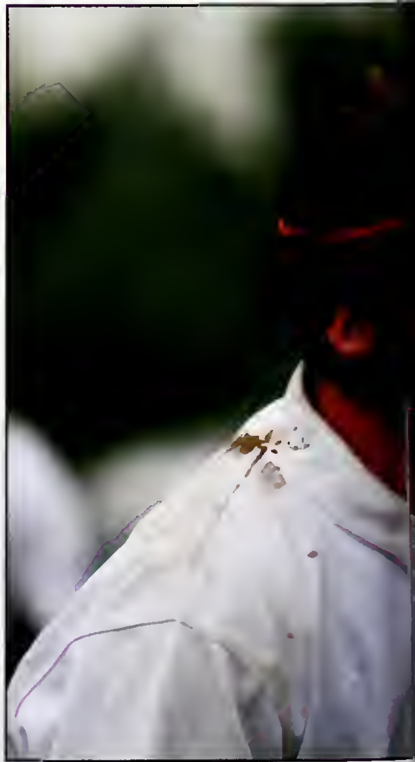




Left: The captain of the hockey team dodges an opponent.
Above: A hockey player attempts to slow down during a game at the Lexington Ice Center.

Below: Grant Knowles and John Barsotti watch as the rugby ball gets out of their reach.

In the *scrum*



The EKU Men's Rugby team had a great year.

The group of men who came out to join rugby brought with them skills and desire to learn the game that the current members already love.

By the end of the fall competitive season, the team was ready and rearing to go for the spring social schedule and was prepared to dominate. Weather at the Nash Bash rugby tournament in Nashville, Tenn., conspired against the men's team and they were held to only one game over the course of the weekend.

However, the rest of their season was not dampened and they went on to play some great rugby on the home turf.

As the team will lose its home fields for a year due to reconstruction, it was a great note to end with.

With new recruits coming in the fall, and a promising schedule, there's no end to what EKU Men's Rugby team will be able to do, the places they will go, or the competitive edge they'll bring to the matches they participate in over the next year.

Left: Jeff Carter looks to pass the ball before getting tackled by Western players. Below: Josh McIntosh gets caught in a maul between his teammates and UK.

Above: William Strydom runs with the ball in a cloud of dust. Left: Adam Ray, Josh McIntosh and Luke Noland prepare for a lineout.

Far left: Caitlin C
attempts to win a
against Marshall.
Left: Jenni Penwe
stiffarms a Marsh
player at a tourna
the spring.
Below: Caitlin O
prepares to ruck a
teammate Carrie
tackled.
Right: Brittany Lo
tosses the ball int
scrum in a game a
Western.

Left: Jenni Penwell drags a Western player behind her during the Goodwill Games.
Above: Marshall University scrums down against Eastern.

Tackling *the* competition

The EKU Women's Rugby Team has been a part of the campus community for the past 10 years. Though no one who started this organization is still here, the girls on the current team embody the same spirit, energy and passion as they did. Whether they're in dresses or jerseys, or playing in the rain or sunshine, mud or dust, Saturdays are rugby days and they wouldn't have it any other way.

The new recruits came out with a desire to excel and set the team off on a road to the division championships. The women's rugby team traveled farther and played teams that they'd never been slated against.

Placing second in the region of Division II collegiate women's rugby, the Eastern women's team played an exceptional fall competitive schedule. Wright State, Xavier, Marshall and Ohio Wesleyan fell to a tough Eastern team.

They even challenged themselves by accepting a match against an NCAA Division I team in Eastern Illinois.

The social spring schedule was as stellar as the competitive fall schedule.

The teams performance at Nash Bash, the premier rugby tournament in this part of the country, was above and beyond any performance made in previous years. They defeated teams that previously had put them down and they managed to have fun while competing.

The annual Goodwill Games against Western proved that win or lose, they're still hot, and that rugby is certainly elegant violence whether they're wearing dresses or not.

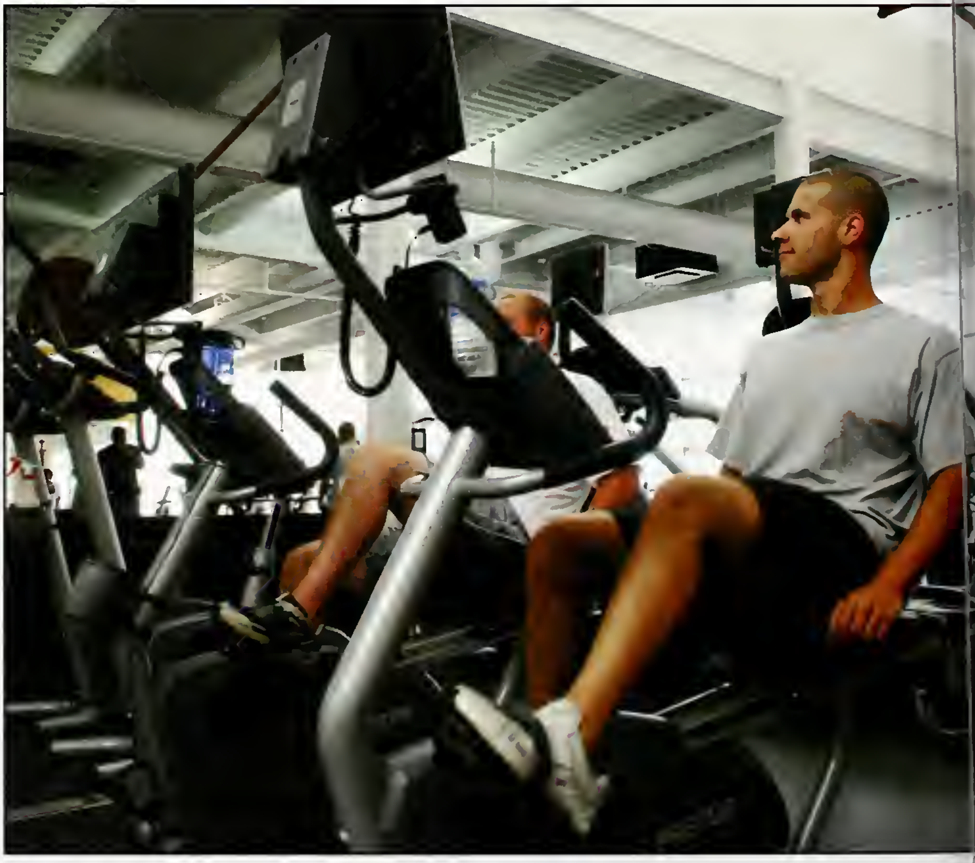
The teams exceptional performance was not kept to the field, but was extended to the community as the team participated in several community service projects across the Bluegrass.

EKU Women's Rugby is going to go on to do great things, without a doubt. The team is certainly a force to be reckoned with on and off the pitch.

"We're like one big family, we fight and we love, but in the end it's all about coming together and beating the other team."

Caitlin Osteen, rugby player

Students can get a complete workout at Eastern's Fitness and Wellness Center. Fitness activities include group classes, rock climbing, basketball, cardio machines (bottom right), volleyball, free weights and machine weight lifting (below).



Get your workout on

Hey, you! Yeah, you, sitting on your couch watching re-runs of *Saved by the Bell* for what seems like the thousandth day in a row and eating pizza left over from last night's study-a-thon.

Why don't you spend your free time doing something a little more productive, a little healthier and a little more fulfilling?

Go check out the Fitness and Wellness Center. It's free to students, and they have a wide range of activities. Besides, your tv will still be there when you get back.

Students haven't always had a top-of-the-line fitness center to go to when seeking an intense workout or some casual exercise. Just three and a half years ago, students shaped their exercise and recreation habits around the schedules of the Weaver Gym and Alumni Coliseum, which are both only open at inconvenient times.

They weren't exactly free to come and go on their own terms.

According to Billy Martin, the director of campus recreation, it was then that former Eastern president Robert Kustra decided that the students needed their own facility where almost all recreational activities (excluding swimming, which is still exclusive to Weaver Gym and Alumni Coliseum) would be centralized.

"The idea went to the state for approval, they gave us the budget and, soon after, construction began," said Martin, who has been the director of campus recreation for four years.

It's an *adventure*

Allison Runyon boulders at the wall in the Fitness & Wellness Center while Matt O'Brien does the same in the background.

Imagine yourself climbing a cliff 80 feet off the ground or skiing a black diamond. Imagine yourself being drenched by whitewater foam or hiking below a natural bridge. Imagine pushing yourself to your limit and loving every second of it.

Now do it, with Eastern's Adventure Programs.

The program provides outdoor trips, an indoor climbing wall, workshops, equipment rental, all at an affordable price to the EKU community, said Brian Clark, the director of Adventure Programs.

His office, and the headquarters for the Adventure Programs, is located inside the Fitness and Wellness Center, but you could find Clark and his dedicated employees anywhere outdoors from California to New York.

"We want you to experience the out of doors as well equipped, both physically and mentally, as possible," according to the Adventure Programs Web site. "To that end, we have developed a variety of programs for the novice outdoor enthusiast to the advanced outdoor guru who is looking to acquire a new skill or find a new adventure."

So that means going for a week-long backpack and hiking trip on the California Lost Coast, bouldering in Rocktown, Ga., whitewater rafting on the New River in West Virginia, kayaking on the Red River in Kentucky, canyonearing in Utah or hiking in the Smoky Mountains.

"Every day is something different. My job is an adventure," Clark said. "The coolest thing is that even if I don't go on the trips, I feel like I was still part of it."

Clark said he loves looking at all the pictures people take while on their trips and seeing how excited they are for doing something so adventurous.

EKU's Adventure Programs was created in 2005 when Clark was an intern for the former director, Jason Burton. After Burton left, Clark took over.

If you want the opportunity to experience the out of doors to your and nature's fullest, say 50 feet above the treetops on a cliff in the Red River Gorge, then come by the Adventure Programs desk in the Fitness and Wellness Center.

Far left: Lucas McCarrick, in white, skydives with an instructor. Center: Brian Clark snaps a photo of him and Daniel Folk, in the background, on a climbing trip in Red River Gorge. Left: A group of Eastern students plunge into the water during whitewater rafting.

CLUB LACROSSE

The lacrosse club was added to campus recreation in October and received funding from the Student Government Association for nearly $7,000.

INTRAMURAL SAND VOLLEYBALL

The women's intramural sand volleyball champions hold up their prizes for winning the championship.

WOMEN'S CLUB SOCCE

Michelle Scheidler, the goalie for the women's club soccer team, prepares to block a shot from opponent during the team's indoor tournament at Madison Ind

INTRAMURAL ULTIMATE FRISBEE

The ultimate frisbee champions pose outside the Fitness and Wellness Center with their free T-shirts.

IEN'S CLUB SOCCER

Sherry vies against a UK player for a
der.

Something *for* everyone

Club and intramural sports provide an alternative athletic outlet for active students.

> *"Intramural sports ... [is] a great way to meet new friends and just have a little fun."*
>
> ***- Greg Corack,*** *director of intramural and club sports*

While most Eastern students enjoy athletics, some may not have time to make a commitment to a varsity sport. Therefore, many students turn to club and intramural sports.

Campus recreation offers students 12 clubs to participate in.

Men can choose to shoot pucks or clay pigeons with ice hockey or skeet and trap. Or men could participate in one of the newest club sports added to the list: lacrosse, paintball or volleyball. Other club sports for men are rugby, soccer, and waterski and wakeboard.

The newly-added women's volleyball club team is a choice for students. Women can also participate in soccer and even rugby.

"Club sports offer a competitive atmosphere for those students who want more than just recreational play," said Greg Corack, the director of intramural and club sports. "Students who participate in club sports form a bond with their teammates that is unmatched on campus outside of fraternities and sororities. Club sports are a great way for students to get involved and continue their love for competitive sports without the rigors and commitment of a varsity sport."

The club teams have done well this year, with the paintball club placing fifth in its region, the hockey club placing 11th in its division and the skeet and trap club finishing 17th at nationals. The club softball team was also invited to attend the National Club Softball Championships for the second straight year, but was unable to attend.

"Clubs at the university have compiled stunning competitive records and have represented the university around the nation," Corack said.

But for those students who require less of a commitment, intramurals may be for them.

"Intramural sports provide a recreational outlet for students to unwind from the rigors of the classroom," Corack said. "Intramural sports are open to all students and are a great way to meet new friends and just have a little fun. There are different leagues offered for students of all skill levels and no experience is required."

INTRAMURAL BILLARDS

Justin McFall, a junior philosophy major from Pikeville, leans down to take a shot in an intramural pool competition in the Powell Building.

INTRA
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SOFTBALL

Right: The men's intramural softball champions, Hooters, pose with their best friend at the intramural fields after winning the championship game.

Cross Country

Crusader

Eastern senior Katy Ankrom is the latest in a long line of successful runners in Colonel history. She added several accomplishments to her already strong resume in the 2007-2008 season.

She's on the first team All-OVC cross-country team. She finished second last year in conference overall running, missing first place by nine seconds.

This cross-country season, she has placed first in the first two meets of the season and was named OVC Runner of the Week for the week of Sept. 4.

But she doesn't run solely for herself. And she is quick to point out her teammates' succcsses over her own achievements.

"Katy is a huge part of our team," Carrie Crofford said. "She's a leader on and off the course. Everyone loves her.We all kind of feed off of her success."

"Setting a good example is important in what I say and what I do," Ankrom said.

She sets the example in one of the most demanding sports at Eastern. Running is a physical activity, but it is also a mental game.

"You have to get your mind off the pain or how tired you are," she said. "Once you focus on the pain or how tired you are is when you start breaking down physically."

And that mentality helped establish her as one of Eastern's top runners.

A cross-country career started early for the Circleville High School graduate, who started running in the seventh grade. During her time at Circleville High, Ankrom was on the All-State cross-country team each year.

When the time came to choose a college, it was between Toledo and Eastern. She said she chose Eastern because of the better scholarship and because she believed Eastern's graphic design program was better than Toledo's.

She hasn't regretted that decision.

Ankrom said she loves Eastern. Besides being on the cross-country team, she also is a part of the Campus Crusade for Christ. And she spends a lot of time with her teammates.

Time with her friends isn't the only time put to good use. She's learned a lot from Coach Rick Erdmann. She said her improvement here is a result of his teachings.

"You can trust him with his coaching because of his history," Ankrom said.

Despite having a fulfilling experience at the confines of Eastern, she still said she feels like there is always room for improvement.

"There's always someone faster," Ankrom said. "You can't settle for where you are."

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Main: Katy Ankrom stretches near the woodchip cross-country trail.
Top: Ankrom also participates on the track and field team.
Left: Ankrom runs at a home meet against other schools, including UK.

Main: Brittany Nobilio poses in her uniform outside Alumni Coliseum. Top right: Nobilio practices her digs on the court in Alumni Coliseum.

Can you dig it?

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Known as the Colonel volleyball player who throws her whole body into the game, digging even the most un-saveable balls, Brittany Nobilio, from Johnsburg, Ill., is the lone senior.

After giving up softball to play club volleyball years ago, Nobilio said she did not know how she would perform in college. But she took a chance.

Three Ohio Valley Conference championships, 2,454 digs (the third highest in the NCAA) and scores of injuries later, she has made it to her senior year.

"I've just always enjoyed it, Nobilio said. "It's kind of weird to be done now. I feel like I should be going to the next level or something, but I'm done. It definitely was an experience for me."

Consistency, competitiveness and the drive to succeed are all qualities of a good volleyball player, Nobilio said.

Despite a disappointing team record, and a continuous struggle to get the ball rolling with a winning streak, Nobilio and her teammates continued to grow and push for success. The number of losses increased, but so did her rank as a volleyball player.

Moving forward was difficult. But, by setting individual goals for herself, Nobilio was able to hold her head up and trudge forward in the line of victory.

Her first three years at Eastern were highly successful. The team played in the NCAA tournament her freshman year and won the OVC. But, with almost a new team for the 2007-2008 season, the results were not as promising.

"This year was pretty disappointing. It was definitely different for me, especially being the only senior because you have to set the example," Nobilio said. "We never had a streak where we kept winning. It's hard to want to play when you're not doing that great, especially towards the end when you know you don't have much of a chance left. You're just kind of playing for your name."

It was the continuous support and bonding with her teammates and family that also guided Nobilio through the rougher times of the season. She said seeing her mother in the stands and receiving phone calls from her siblings helped keep her thinking positively.

"If I didn't like my teammates, I don't think that I would've been able to keep going," Nobilio said. "This year what I found very good about our team was we clicked really well.Your team chemistry has a lot to do with what's going to motivate you to keep going. You're out there and you're doing it for your teammates, so if you have good chemistry, it's going to make you want to keep going even more."

As an old club habit, Nobilio wears a headband during each game, and for the last two years, there was a new one for every match, all of which serve as a memory from a win or a loss on the record.

Even with what it would appear as nothing else to play for, Nobilio took inspiration from her team, her family and her coaches.

"Coach Matt this year always said, 'Play for that E on your chest.' I always thought that was cool when he said that," Nobilio said, "because you're representing the school and I think the coolest part is going out and winning just because you're Eastern Kentucky and they're not."

Nobilio has survived a career in college athletics that has not only been a trying one mentally, but also a testament to her abilities to cope with injuries. From stress fractures to dislocated toes, wearing boots and hobbling on crutches, Nobilio has experienced it all.

"I'm a competitor," Nobilio said. "It's part of my nature I guess. I want to go out there and pretty much bust my ass the whole time I'm out there on the court. I'm never going to give up. I want to be successful, and I'll do whatever I can to be successful."

Although her work is done as a Colonel volleyball player, Nobilio said it is her desire to stay in Richmond and help with the team.

"Volleyball is a big part of my life. It kind of has been my life for 10 years now," Nobilio said. "It shapes a person. It helps you grow and see what's out there. This year was definitely tough, but things will get better."

Left-handed Colonel standout heads to the major leagues

MLB *bound*

William Friedrich works as a dentist at Northwestern Memorial Hospital in Chicago. Included on his list of clients are members of the Chicago Cubs baseball team.

There is also a high possibility that a close relative will one day be among the Major League baseball players in his clientele.

William's son, Christian, is the ace of Eastern's pitching staff and one of the best college prospects in the country, according to magazines such as *Baseball America*.

Friedrich has been named to multiple All-American teams by *Baseball America* and Louisville Slugger, among others. The junior left-hander is also a two-time All-OVC selection.

In what is likely to be his last season at Eastern, scouts from nearly every Major League Baseball team have been in the stands for Friedrich's starts. The Evanston, Ill., native is projected to be a first-round pick in the Major League Amateur Draft.

Some scouts have Friedrich projected as high as the top 10 due to his poise on the mound, his fastball, which has been clocked at 94 miles per hour, and his knee-buckling curveball.

However, Friedrich said the awards and draft projections are not his top priority right now.

"It's nice to get the recognition, but I really just try to focus on the team," Friedrich said. "We're really close as a team and the thing I want most right now is an OVC championship. Right now, we are just a group of friends going for the same goal."

The Colonels have looked like a team that can compete for the OVC crown, winning their first two conference series, including a two-out-

Junior Christian Friedrich displays his 94 mile-per-hour fastball on the mound.

of-three series win at home against defending OVC champs Austin Peay.

Friedrich certainly did his part early in the season. The 6'3" lefty won two of his first three decisions and had a microscopic ERA of 2.15. He has also struck out 54 batters in only 37.2 innings of work.

Eastern Head Coach Elvis Dominguez said Friedrich's success can be attributed to factors other than his devastating curveball.

"What sets him apart from everyone else is his preparation and hard work," Dominguez said. "He understands the team depends on him and he never thinks about himself. He will be very successful at the next level if he keeps this frame of mind."

Coming to Eastern to play baseball instead of attempting to start a professional career straight out of high school proved to be a beneficial decision by Friedrich.

"I think you get a lot more experience and time to mature by playing college ball," Friedrich said. Friedrich also credited Eastern pitching coach John Corbin with helping him to improve his control during his time as a Colonel.

Dominguez noted that Friedrich would be the seventh player to be selected in the Major League draft in the five years since he became the head coach.

Although his focus is on helping his team win now, Friedrich does have an ultimate goal for his future in mind.

"Obviously, making it to the show is my biggest goal," Friedrich said. "But I also want to establish myself as a premier pitcher in the major leagues."

Eastern Football Coach Dean Hood is the third head football coach in 44 years, following Roy Kidd and Danny Hope. Right: Hood was former defensive coordinator for Wake Forest.

Back to the bluegrass

Former Eastern and Wake Forest defensive coordinator Dean Hood was named head coach of the Eastern football team for the 2008-2009 season.

Hood, 44, replaced former Colonel head coach Danny Hope, becoming Eastern's third head football coach in the 44 years and 13th all-time, leaving the Demon Deacons for his first head coaching position.

Hired on as a secondary coach in 1994, Hood would eventually move as defensive coordinator under Roy Kidd from '97-'98, winning two Ohio Valley Conference titles and making three NCAA playoff appearances from '94-'97.

While at Wake Forest, Hood's defense totaled 186 turnovers from 2001-2007, leading the Deacons to three bowls and winning two.

In 2006, Wake Forest lost its only bowl under Hood. But the next year, Hood won a school record 11 games, earning a trip to play Louisville in the 2007 FedEx Orange Bowl.

Eastern Athletic Director Mark Sandy explained just how much attention came in finding a coach from the university faithful.

"The interest and passion that encompasses Colonel football was never more evident to me. This is my third year and I can say I've got more emails and calls about this than anything else so far," Sandy said.

Sandy also explained how in the preceding, days after Hopes departure, there were 10 to 15 potential prospects, but only five who had direct contact with the athletic director.

"Dean's kind of filtered up pretty quickly and I started to branch out and start talk to people about him," Sandy said. Hood told Sandy he had questions and was interested.

" I went from intrigued about the job at Eastern Kentucky University to thinking I've got to have this job after talking to Mark Sandy," Hood said.

Hood explained how three main coaches, since the beginning of his coaching career, have contributed to his own coaching methods.

First was former West Virginia and newly acquired Michigan head coach Rich Rodriguez. Rodriguez was someone who wasn't afraid to take chances with an innovative offense.

Most recently influencing Hood's career was Wake Forest head coach Jim Grobe, a man of great faith remaining stoic and calm at all times on the sidelines.

Hood finished with one of Eastern's own, hall of fame coach, Roy Kidd.

"He's the most unbelievable competitor I've ever been around," said Hood. "I thought I was a competitive guy. I was light years away from Roy Kidd."

Hood told a story about George Washington and how the country asked if he could guarantee victory. Washington replied with a note back saying no, but "I can guarantee we will deserve victory."

Hood announced a similar promise.

"That's my promise to all the people here, Eastern Kentucky University, president and athletic director, my family, my God, is that every Saturday we will deserve victory."

Former Eastern Head Coach Larry Joe Inman instructs Colonel players from the sideline during a game against UT-Martin.

The *end* of an era

"This has been a very rewarding experience. It has been one that has impacted my life as well as many others...."

- Larry Joe Inman

After 20 years and 319 victories as the head coach of Eastern's women's basketball team, Larry Joe Inman announced his retirement after the 2007-2008 season as the winningest coach in program history.

Inman finished his career with 10 OVC regular-season championships, six conference tournament titles, eight OVC Coach of the Year awards and six NCAA tournament appearances.

He is also one of only two OVC coaches to ever win a game in the NCAA tournament.

Inman gave thanks to Eastern during his retirement press conference.

"This has been a very rewarding experience. It has been one that has impacted my life as well as many others," Inman said. "It has touched my life and blessed me so much to see our student-athletes come through our program and become successful individuals."

The Colonel basketball program gained more than its share of benefits from Inman's tenure.

Eastern had only posted two winning seasons in the 11-year history of the OVC before Inman accepted the head coaching position prior to the 1988-89 season. Under Inman, the Colonels posted winning conference records in 12 of the next 15 seasons.

Inman won his first OVC Coach of the Year award with the Colonels and his second overall in 1991 when he led the team to its first winning season in six years.

Inman's greatest post-season success with the program came in the three-season stretch from 1995-1997. He led Eastern to its first OVC championship in school history in 1995 after posting 19 wins during the season.

The Colonels would find greater success under Inman two years later. Eastern won the OVC championship once again in 1997 and made its first NCAA tournament in program history.

Eastern once again got a taste of national post-season play in 2002. Inman's Colonel team won yet another conference championship and advanced to the Sweet 16 round of the WNIT after defeating Missouri State in the first round of the tournament.

During the 2004-2005 season, Inman added his eighth OVC Coach of the Year award to his collection while guiding Eastern to its second NCAA tournament appearance in eight years.

Inman finished his career ranked 43rd on the all-time victory list for NCAA women's basketball coaches.

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discusses strategy in the huddle
a game against Murray State.

Above left: Inman yells from the sidelines during a home game against UT-Martin.
Above right: Inman instructs his players on the court during a game against Murray State.

Athletics Hall *of* Fame

Nine inductees raise membership to 47

Three of the inductees into the Eastern Hall of Fame played a combined 20 years in the National Football League.

Two of the inductees played for a couple of the most-storied teams in the history of the National Basketball Association.

Another of the inductees won four consecutive cross country conference championships.

Throw in a former scoring machine for the women's basketball team, a two-time conference outdoor track and field athlete of the year and an athletic director for nearly 20 years, and you have the 2007 inductees into Eastern's Athletics Hall of Fame.

The 2007 class was inducted on Friday, Oct. 12, following a banquet in the ballroom of the Keen Johnson Building.

Interim University President Charles Whitlock kicked off the festivities with a taped speech in which he characterized Eastern athletics as a "prominent strand of the university's DNA."

The ceremony veered from the serious to the lighthearted and from laughter to tears.

Aaron Jones, who played defensive end for the Colonels from 1984-1987, was only the third OVC football player to be selected in the first round of the NFL draft when the Steelers selected him in 1988.

Eddie Bodkin, who was selected with the 30th overall pick in the 1966 NBA Draft by the Chicago Bulls, was the only Colonel basketball player to score 1,500 points and grab 800 rebounds in his career.

Goebel Ritter starred in four sports during his time at Eastern, but basketball proved to be his best. Ritter played 151 games for the New York Knicks from 1948-1951 and averaged 5.1 points per game.

Chrissy Roberts won the 1998 OVC Women's Basketball Player of the Year award and holds Eastern records for most 3-pointers made in a season (84) and highest career 3-point percentage (.475).

Four-time OVC Runner of the Year John Nganga's induction speech touched on the more serious topic of foreign relations. The Kenyan native spoke of his gratitude toward the United States and its people.

Myron Guyton started in the Eastern secondary for all four of his seasons and led the OVC in interceptions during his senior season in 1988. Guyton also played seven seasons in the National Football League and won a Super Bowl with the New York Giants in 1990.

George Floyd brought the tally of 2007 football inductees to three. Floyd was a two-time OVC Defensive Player of the Year and was a member of the 1979 National Championship team.

Rounding out the 2007 Hall of Fame inductees were track and field middle-distance runner Pam Raglin and athletic administrator Donald G. Combs Sr.

The late Donald Combs was the son of Earle Combs, the Eastern alum and outfield mate of Babe Ruth with the Yankees. Combs devoted 34 years of his life to Eastern as the swim team coach (1956-75) and director of athletics (1972-91).

The nine 2007 inductees bring the number of the Eastern Athletics Hall of Fame to 47 members.

Keynote speaker for this year's induction ceremony was, Chad Bradzke, a member of the inaugural 2006 Hall of Fame class and former EKU football player.

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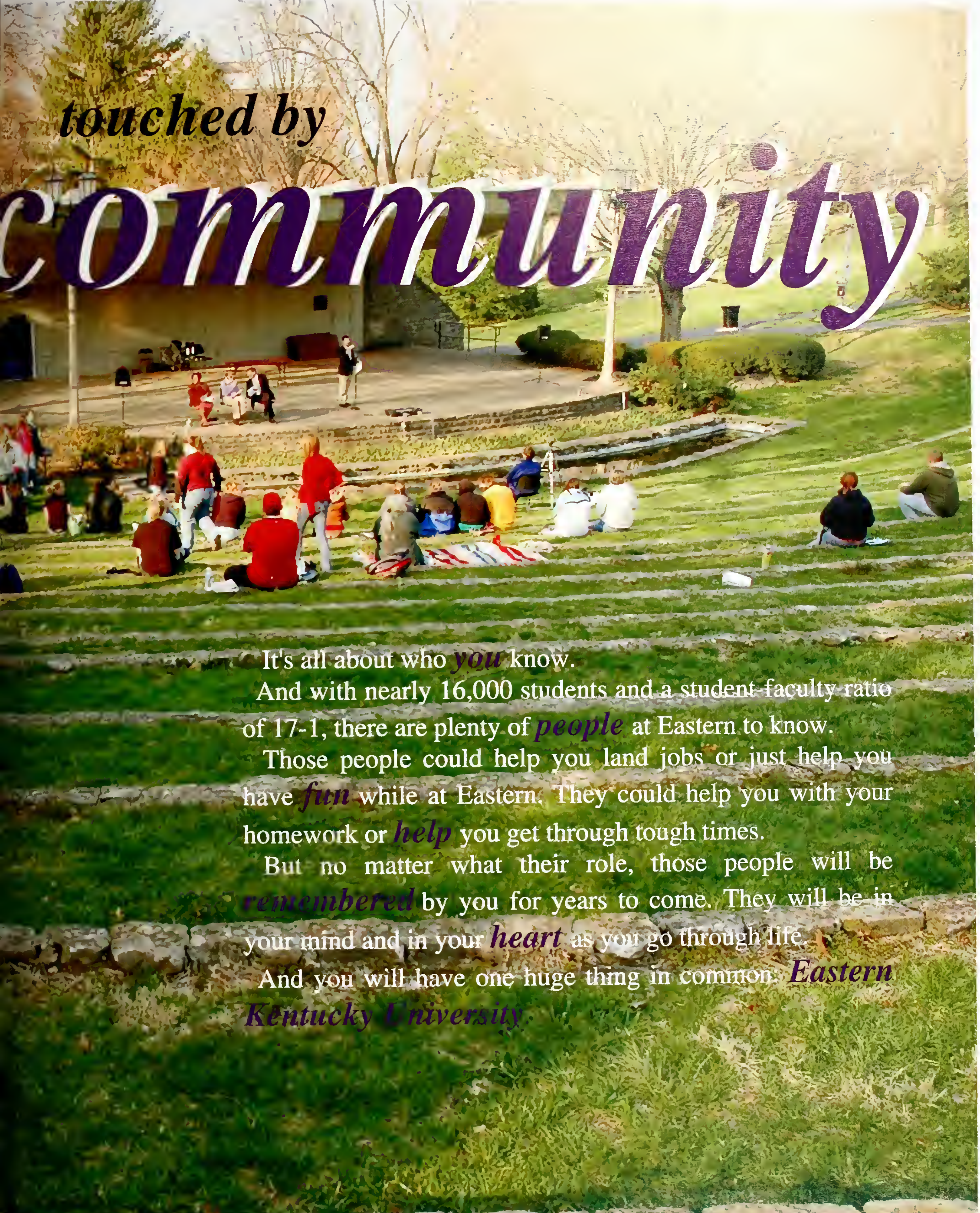


It's all about who *you* know.

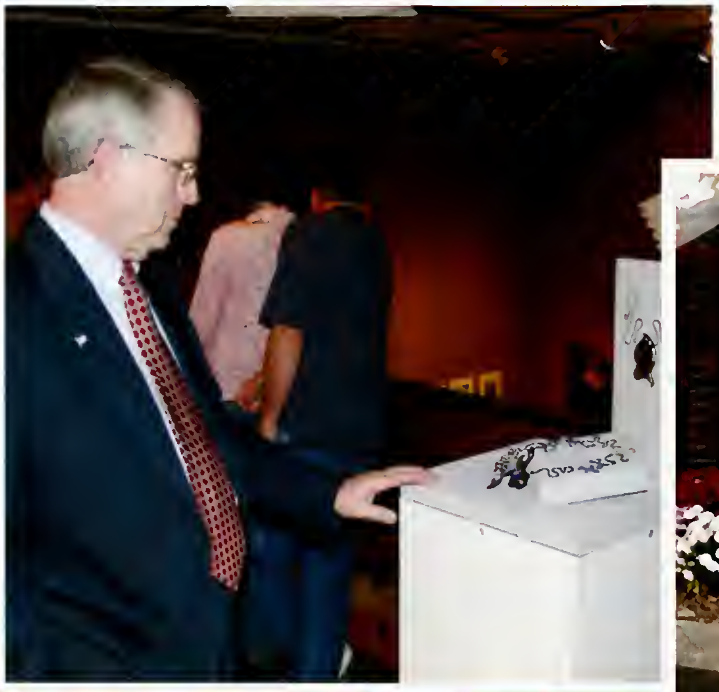
And with nearly 16,000 students and a student-faculty ratio of 17-1, there are plenty of *people* at Eastern to know.

Those people could help you land jobs or just help you have *fun* while at Eastern. They could help you with your homework or *help* you get through tough times.

But no matter what their role, those people will be *remembered* by you for years to come. They will be in your mind and in your *heart* as you go through life.

And you will have one huge thing in common: *Eastern Kentucky University*.

From *student* to *president*



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Above: Eastern's 11th president, Doug Whitlock, examines an art piece at the 2008 EKU Art Student Association Juried Exhibition in the Giles Gallery. Right: Whitlock and his wife, Joanne, stand in front of the Eastern sign on the corner of University Drive and Lancaster. They have two children, Robert and Janet, and have been married for 39 years.

Experience and age usually bring promotions within a person's career, especially if you have worked in the same place for 40 years.

Doug Whitlock spent that much time at Eastern Kentucky University and rose to the very highest of positions as the 11th president of the university. However age and experience didn't just get him there. It was his qualifications, too.

His career started at EKU in 1961 as a student. Whitlock came to Eastern with his own goals, but didn't really know what the future held for him.

"I was originally going to be a journalist," Whitlock said. He even worked as the editor of *The Eastern Progress* from 1964 to 1965.

In 1965, he graduated with a degree in history and social sciences. In '66, he graduated from Eastern again with a master's degree in history. Whitlock received his doctoral degree from the University of Kentucky in 1981, but first came to work at Eastern in 1968 as the director of publications.

Within 10 years, including time as the *Milestone* adviser between '72 to '76, he was the executive assistant to EKU president J.C. Powell. Whitlock kept his job as executive assistant when President Hanly Funderburk came into office. In 2003, he retired after serving as vice-president for administrative affairs for five years. He taught part time for three more years.

Joanne Glasser stepped away from being president at EKU with just a few weeks before classes started in 2007. In a crunch, Eastern called on Whitlock. He knew the internal workings of the position because he was the right-hand man for two presidents. Today, Whitlock has the office in the Coates Building and the top position on campus 47 years after starting school here. He was inaugurated as Eastern's president on April 25, 2008, and hopes to use his job to its best potential.

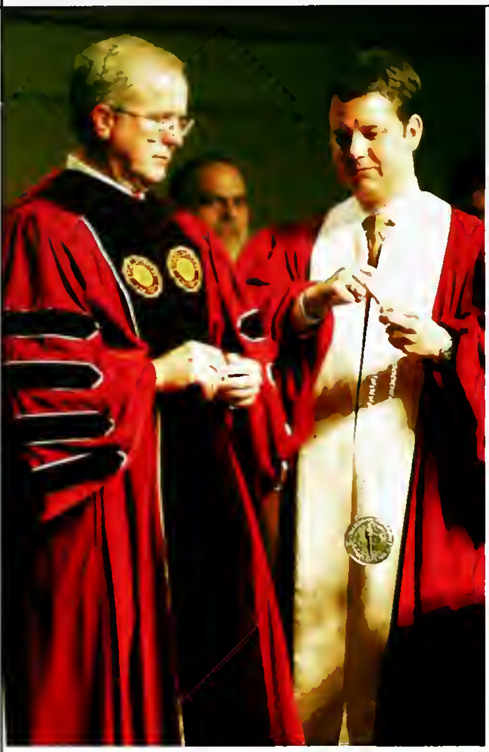
"I want to use the resources and power of this institution to help this area of the state," Whitlock said. He said the hardest part of his job, so far, has been coping with the budget cuts that have occurred this year.

When asked how long he was going to keep the position, he said he plans on until staying 2010 and trying to help Eastern "be the best EKU we can be." However, in June of 2008 his contract was extended until 2011. With his qualifications and experience we may see him stay for even longer.

But one thing is for certain, after he finally retires from Eastern, he said he plans on spending time with his grandchildren.

President Whitlock's Inauguration

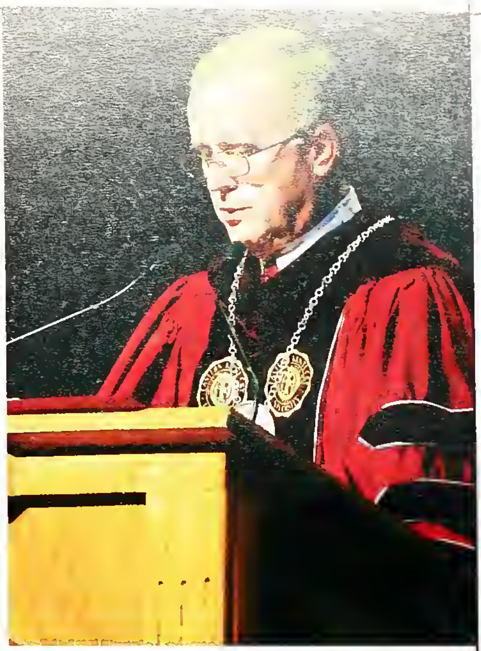
It's *official*



President Whitlock was inaugurated as the 11th president of Eastern Kentucky University on April 25, 2008.

Above: Hunter Bates, the chair of the Board of Regents, places a medallion around Whitlock's neck. Right: Whitlock is sworn in as president with wife, Joanne, and daughter, Janet, by his side.

President Whitlock's Inauguration



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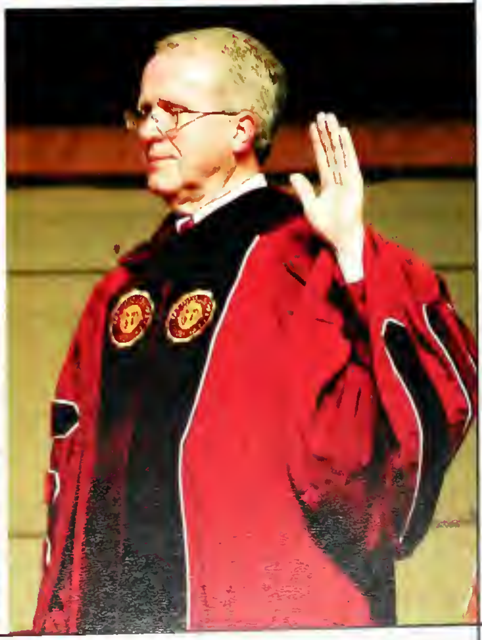
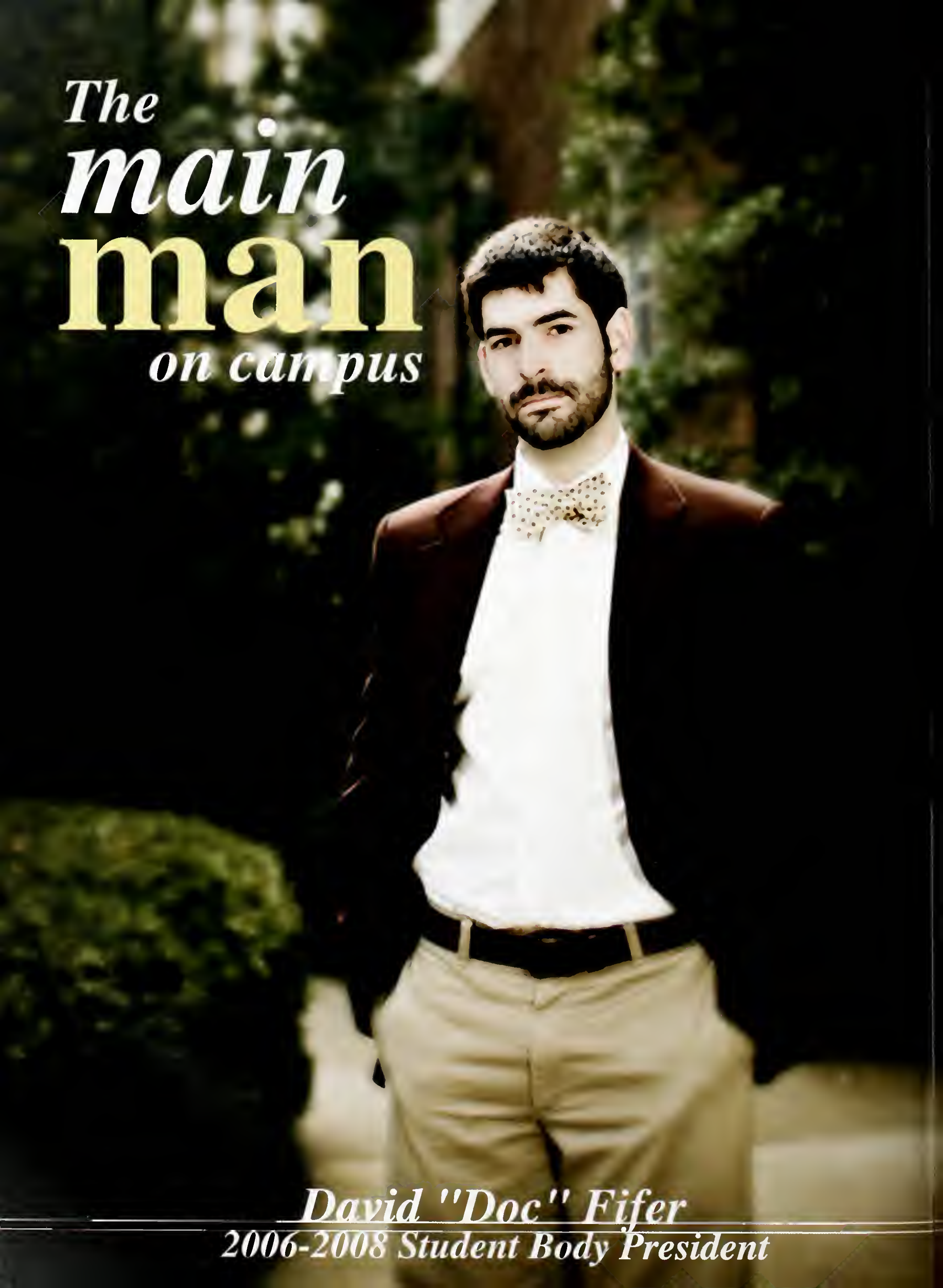


The main man on campus



David "Doc" Fifer

2006-2008 Student Body President

[illegible] Bottom Left: Doc, the 2007 Homecoming King, [illegible] in the Homecoming parade with 2007 Homecoming Queen Allison Heisinger. [illegible] center and below: Fifer participates in a Large Animal Rescue Class.

Student Body President David "Doc" Fifer has become the antithesis of the apathetic college-student stereotype. During his tenure, the energetic Fifer, who is also a licensed emergency medical technician, became intimately involved with numerous administrative decisions on campus, including revisions on the Dead Week policy, investigations into posting policies and development of the Colonel Path.

Through his work with the Student Government Association and his position on the Board of Regents, Fifer is one individual whose efforts have touched every single student at Eastern this year.

However, he wasn't always on the inside. Before Fifer became student body president he, in his own words, antagonized the administration with sarcastic stand-up routines, a sardonic newspaper and clandestine banner placement.

But eventually, Fifer took up the mantle of SGA.

Armed with a bachelor's degree in political science, Fifer contributed to projects tying all levels of administration and government together. For example, the project he cited as his favorite is the development of Eastern's Colonel Path, a footpath connecting campus directly to downtown Richmond. The Colonel Path, as of this writing, has taken three years to propose, construct and prepare for use at Eastern.

Fifer said working on the Colonel Path project brought student government into a closer, working relationship with Richmond city government, a leap that proved SGA is not pretend government, but a real administrative body with real executive potential.

Fifer said he had two messages to leave for Eastern students as he prepares to move on in life.

"When it comes to student government, don't let the name fool you," he said. "We do the same things local and state governments do. We provide for the welfare of our constituents."

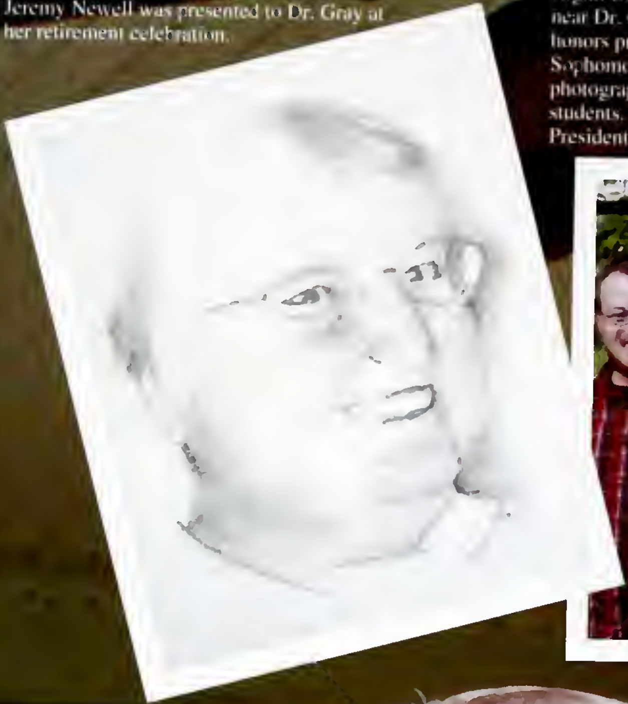
The second message Fifer left ties into one of his larger goals of increasing student pride and participation at Eastern.

"Anybody who says students can't make a difference," Fifer said, "is a dirty liar. Policies sometimes come down to one person on a committee. Elections sometimes come down to a handful of voters."

Although Fifer stepped down from his position as student body president this year, his work will continue to affect Eastern students for years to come.

Fifer said, "Students can turn this university into exactly what they want it to be."

Below: A portrait drawn by student artist Jeremy Newell was presented to Dr. Gray at her retirement celebration.



Right: Dr. Gray and Dr. Bruce MacLaren cruise the Saint Lawrence River near Dr. Gray's New York home. The two have worked together in the honors program for 20 years. Below: Honors Student Advisory Council Sophomore Representative Emily Gilbreath presents Dr. Gray with a photograph of her brand new steel drum, a parting gift from honors program students. A certificate for drum lessons was included. Advisory Council President Ray Arnold, left, and Dr. Jason Koontz enjoy the ceremony.

A *Grayceful* *goodbye*

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Dr. Bonnie Gray shares the porch of Sullivan Hall with honors student Connie Parker during the 2008 Honors Program Talent Show. The duet performed their rendition of James Taylor's "How Sweet It Is (To Be Loved By You)."

The walls of the corner office of Dr. Bonnie Gray, professor [illegible] the Honors Program at Eastern Kentucky University, are lined with [illegible] not only books but memorabilia, sculptures and pictures that invite conversation about how she has spent the last 34 years of her life.

A small conference table to the right of her desk is always covered in the project of the moment whether it is the latest Honors Program T-shirt or stacks of trip itineraries.

There are pictures of her cats, Sassy and Gabby, mementos from trips, gifts of appreciation and framed awards and diplomas, all making it obvious that Gray's life is full and rewarding, and her office feels like a safe haven, a sanctuary in the busy world of college life.

It is common to find Dr. Gray in her office at the computer sending one of her famous student e-mails which give praise, direction or scolding with her own special flair. Or maybe she is sitting at her desk chatting with a student or colleague, because it is uncommon to find her alone because someone is always seeking her advice and council.

In May 2008, after 34 years of service to Eastern, the Honors Program and a multitude of students, Dr. Gray retired.

"I was going to retire a couple of years ago, but decided to stay around a while longer. This time I will not change my mind," Gray said. "It is time for me to retire. "

Eastern's Honors Program began in 1988. It is designed for intellectually-promising students who seek a strong grounding in the liberal arts along with their more specialized major. The 28-credit-hour program includes course work in the humanities, social sciences and natural sciences, with emphasis on effective communication, development of critical thinking skills and integration of knowledge across academic disciplines.

The Honors Program is revered by counterparts for its prolific number of panel presentations at conferences, widespread faculty involvement and for the manner in which the program is organized and integrated with the campus community.

According to an article printed by Eastern's public relations and marketing department, Gray's counterpart at Murray State University, Mark Malinauskas, said, "The widespread faculty participation in Eastern's honors program convinces me that they are persuaded by the program and its objectives are meritorious. Frankly, I know of no other program within and without the Commonwealth that enjoys such a strong faculty support. "

Any of Eastern's honors program graduates, faculty, administrative staff or students will tell you the program's national reputation is a direct result of the family atmosphere nurtured by the only director in its 20 year existence, Dr. Gray.

Life's journey is something everyone reflects upon when retiring. We think about where we came from and if we have accomplished what we set out to do. We also think about the bitter sweetness of leaving our work but also the satisfaction of knowing we followed our dreams.

"I grew up 100 miles north of Syracuse, N.Y., in the small town of Alexandria Bay," Gray said. "Now, I am a southerner. I consider Richmond my home."

After graduating from high school, Gray attended Hope College in Holland, Mich., graduating with bachelor's degrees in philosophy and German. From there, she returned home to New York and earned both a master's and doctorate in philosophy from Syracuse University, graduating in 1973.

"The next year, 1974, I was offered a teaching position at Eastern as an assistant professor of philosophy," Gray said. "Fourteen years later in 1988, I accepted the position of director of the newly-organized EKU Honors Program."

Gray continued to teach and administer the Honors Program on a part-time basis until 2002 when it became a full-time position.

"When we started the program in 1988 there were 36 students," Gray said. "Today there are more than 600 students in EKU's Honors Program. Our program has a national reputation because of the opportunities that we provide our students."

The 2007 National Honors Conference in Denver, Colo., was attended by 90 faculty and students from the EKU Honors Program. Eastern represented 10 percent of those in attendance at the conference with 17 panel presentations and numerous poster presentations.

Noemi Lane, 35, a non-traditional nursing graduate from Danville, said, "I know that each of the panel members have mentioned how much Dr. Gray has helped each of them in their quest to return to college and realize their dreams. I know it probably embarrasses her, but it's true. Each of us feels we could not have done it without her help."

Gray deflects the credit to faculty who have taught in the program and to administrators who have given their unwavering support. Through the years, 250 faculty members have mentored senior thesis projects. Besides teaching honors classes, faculty also work closely with all student panels in preparation for conference presentations.

If Gray takes any credit it's for having the good sense to give faculty free creative rein to do what they do best. "These are all professors with a wealth of disciplinary knowledge," Gray said, "and it wouldn't make sense for me to dictate to them what or how to teach."

Honors Program students also enjoy numerous field trips to major cities around the U.S. The field trips give students in Eastern's Honors Program, most of who come from rural areas and small towns, cultural awareness. During a typical field trip to a large city, the students enjoy arts events and visit museums and other historical sites.

"My favorite memory of Dr. Gray has to be the Honors Program Trip to Chicago with her in January of 2007, her commentary over the bus speaker system, as we rode around the city, specifically," said Kelli Hogue, junior environmental service major from Richmond. "She is one of the wittiest, most pleasant and amusing women I have ever had the pleasure of knowing."

Now, Dr. Gray deservedly wants to reap the benefits of 34 years of dedication to teaching and speaks excitedly about what she is going to do upon retiring.

"When I retire I'm going to learn to play the steel drum," Gray said. "I have always wanted to and when I retire I will have the time."

At the top of their class

graduates from summer 2007-spring 2008

Amanda Abner
Sociology
Waco, Ky.

Jennifer R. Adkins
Deaf and Hard of Hearing with
Elementary Education
Richmond, Ky.

Scott M. Aldridge
Criminal Justice
Alexandria, Va.

Jason W. Anders
Computer Electronic Networkin
Corbin, Ky.

Crystal N. Arellano
Sociology
Richmond, Ky.

Ashley R. Aurand
Forensic Science
Lexington, Ky.

Glenna E. Barrett-Anderson
Public Relations
Richmond, Ky.

Andrew J. Bender
Fire and Safety Engineering
Berea, Ky.

Eastern Kentucky University Graduating Seniors

Jodie Bentley
Criminal Justice
London, Ky.

Paul W. Bland
Marketing
Lexington, Ky.

Lauren A. Bowling
Corrections in Juvenile Studies
Fairfield, Ohio

Brittany A. Bowman
Elementary Education
Union, Ky.

Tiffany I. Brannon
Psychology
Lexington, Ky.

Leann R. Brashear
Communication Studies
Berea, Ky.

Lacey N. Brewer
Psychology
London, Ky.

Rachael C. Brown
Elementary Ed/ Correctional &
Juvenile Justice Studies
Paintsville, Ky.

Ashley M. Browning
rections & Juvenile Justice Studies
Turkey Creek, Ky.

Jennifer L. Carr
Human Resource Management
Corinth, Ky.

Andrew Chan
Art
Richmond, Ky.

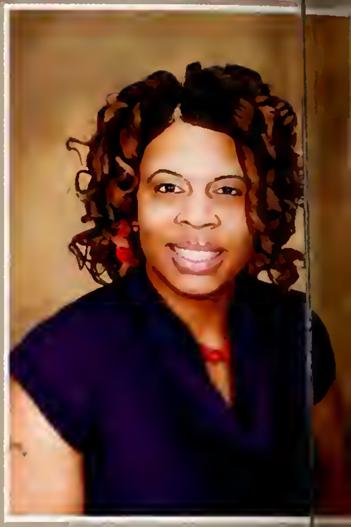
Kimberly S. Chasteen
Human Resource Management
Berea, Ky.

Eastern Kentucky University Graduating Seniors

Angela P. Childress
Psychology
Richmond, Ky.

Sasha S. Ciconte
Theatre
Junction City, Ky.

Janine M. Clipson
Painting
Cincinnati, Ohio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Apparel, Design & Merchand ng
Calvary, Ky.

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Draffin, Ky.

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Middle Grades Education
Roark, Ky.

Kimberly D. Colwell
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Somerset, Ky.

Adam L. Conner
Criminal Justice
Campton, Ky.

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Sarah M. Courtney
Chemistry
Sparta, Ky.

Mackenzie L. Crump
Public Relations
Holtwood, Pa.

Maurya D. Delgado
Anthropology
Bardwell, Ky.

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Occupational Science
Liberty, Ky.

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Criminal Justice
Lexington, Ky.

Adam K. Dotson
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Stanton, Ky.

Ullanda D. Douglas
Sociology
Greensburg, Ky.

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Hamburg, Pa.

Jason A. Eason
Criminal Justice
Richmond, Ky.

Christine M. Estler
Dietetics
Huntington, W.Va.

Christian M. Fiero
Broadcasting and Electronic M
Midway, Ky.

Marty Finley
Journalism
Richmond, Ky.

Katherine S. Flege
Psychology
Williamstown, Ky.

Samuel K. Fortener
Forensic Science
Troy, Ohio

Stephanie G. Fraley
Correctional and Juvenile Justice St
Mount Stering, Ky.

Kenneth B. Gilliam
Computer Networking
London, Ky.

Stephanie N. Goodman
Occupational Science
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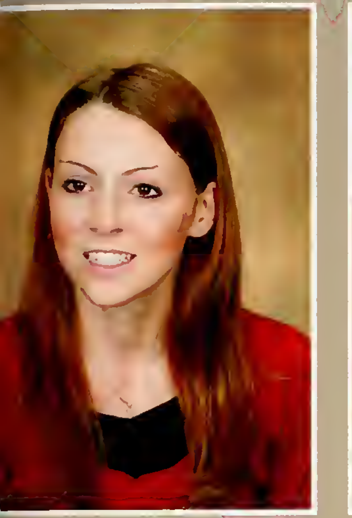

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Communication Studies
Berea, Ky.

Sarah D. Greene
General Studies- Education
Flat Lick, Ky.

Havanna Hagans
Journalism
Sassafras, Ky.

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Communications
Jamestown, Ky.

Shelbi T. Harris
Graphic Design
Columbus, Ohio

Elizabeth R. Hazlett
Physical Education- Fitness &
Wellness Management
Springfield, Ohio

Dustin S. Heiser
Fire Protection Administration
Byron, Ill.

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Justin M. Hoffman
Aviation Administration
Sanders, Ky.

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Baxter, Ky.

Shawna C. Howard
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Harrodsburg, Ky.

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Criminal Justice
Rustburg, Va.

Chad L. Hutchison
Journalism/Creative Writing
Richmond, Ky.

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Richmond, Ky.

Jeremy S. Isaacs
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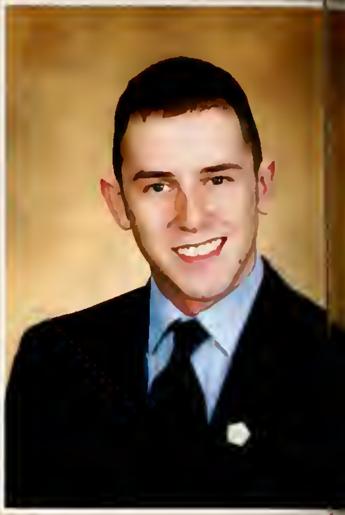
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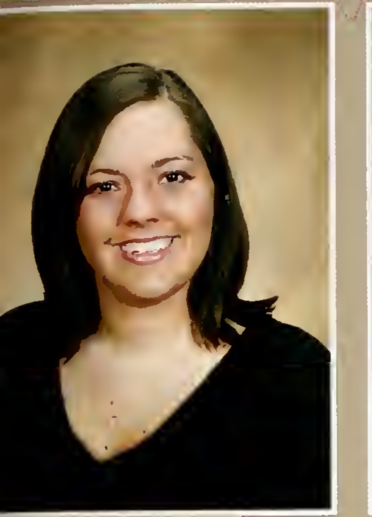

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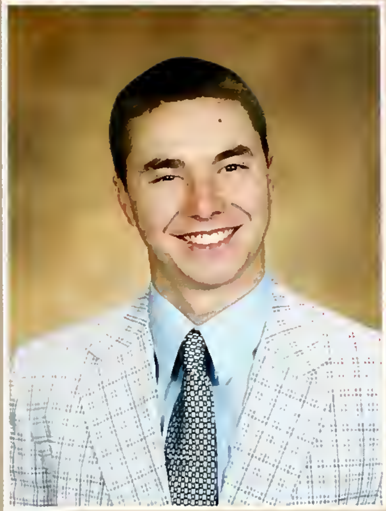

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Goshen, Ohio

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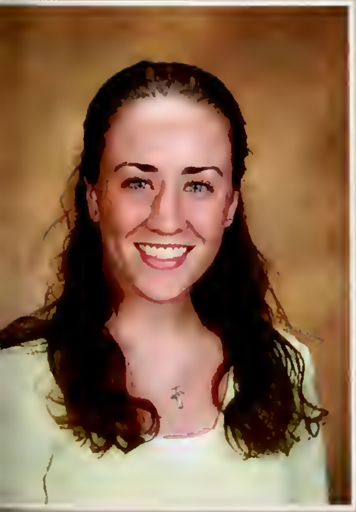

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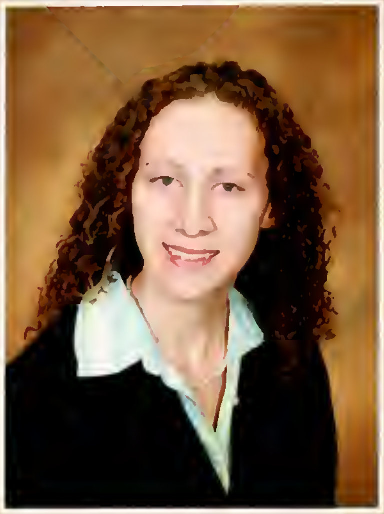

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Danville, Ky.

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Marketing
Waverly, Ohio

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Richmond, Ky.

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Lexington, Ky.

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Criminal Justice
Dayton, Ohio

Jeremy R. Sturgill
Construction Management
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Jerry Sudduth
History
Frankfort, Ky.

Danielle M. Supinger
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Brookville, Ohio

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Criminal Justice
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Jessica A. Tompkins
Wildlife Manageent
Plant City, Fla.

Stephanie R. Wadsworth
Health Studies
Richmond, Ky.

Off campus, but on *track*

The hustle and bustle of the main campus is not right for everyone. With a small campus, there is always a familiar face.

The extended campuses tend to move at a slower pace, which may make people think you do not get the same quality education as at the main campus. This is not true. Extended campus students go on to become successful lawyers, nurses and teachers.

One success story from the Danville campus is Cameron Griffith. Griffith is a 2003 graduate of Casey County High School. He completed all of his general education classes, several free elective classes and some of his major requirements at the Danville campus.

Griffith married his wife, Melissa, shortly after he graduated from high school, and the Danville campus was an excellent choice for both of them. Having two sons, a home to maintain and jobs made the Danville campus an easier alternative to making the long commute to Richmond.

"Getting home that extra 45 minutes to an hour made a huge difference," Griffith said.

Although having a much shorter commute made it easier, Griffith said that is not the only reason he chose the extended campus.

"My dad had been taking classes there and I was familiar with the concept of taking classes at a satellite campus," Griffith said.

Griffith said he and Melissa also like the atmosphere at the Danville campus.

"It has a small community feel," said Griffith.

Griffith graduated with a 4.0 GPA from Eastern in 2007 with a major in political science and a minor in philosophy. Melissa, who is also an excellent student, is pursuing an elementary education degree.

Griffith said he thought about law school the entire time he was an undergraduate; however, he did not begin to study for the admissions test until January 2007.

"I took the test in February and barely got my score into the school before the final deadline for starting fall 2007," Griffith said.

He found out in April that he had been accepted to law school at the University of Louisville.

"I opened the letter sitting in my car in front of the post office," Griffith said. "It was one of the best feelings you can ever have. I felt like all my hard work had finally paid off."

Eastern has six extended campuses including the one at Danville.

The Danville campus opened in 1994 and offers everything needed to enroll, including academic advising, registration, bookstore, library, free tutoring, placement testing and much more.

More than 130 classes are offered on site at Danville each semester. Danville offers several complete degrees as well as substantial portions of many others. Degrees such as criminal justice, business administration, paralegal studies and much more are offered at the Danville campus. Many students may take all of their required general education classes at Danville.

Along with exceptional academic programs the Danville campus offers student government and clubs. One of the clubs at Danville is the Cultural Club.

Members of the Cultural Club, along with several staff members from the Danville campus, traveled during the year to the Lakota reservation in South Dakota to take donations the club's members collected from area businesses.

Griffith resides in Casey County with his wife and two sons and commutes to Louisville.

Griffith said, "Law school leaves little time to ponder the future, but I would say five years from now you can find me right here where I have always been, in Liberty, Kentucky."

Top: Danville Campus Director Cindy Peck presents a certificate to Cameron Griffith.

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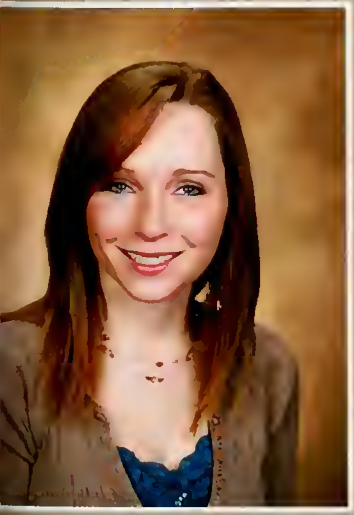

Trisha R. Zeek
Criminal Justice
Hamilton, Ohio

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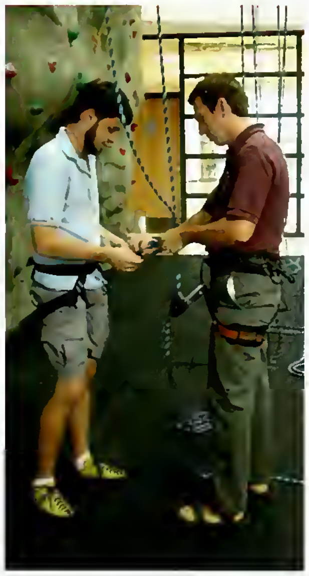

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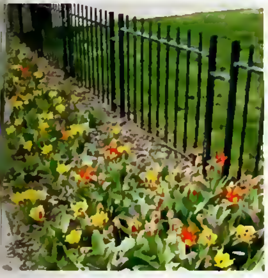

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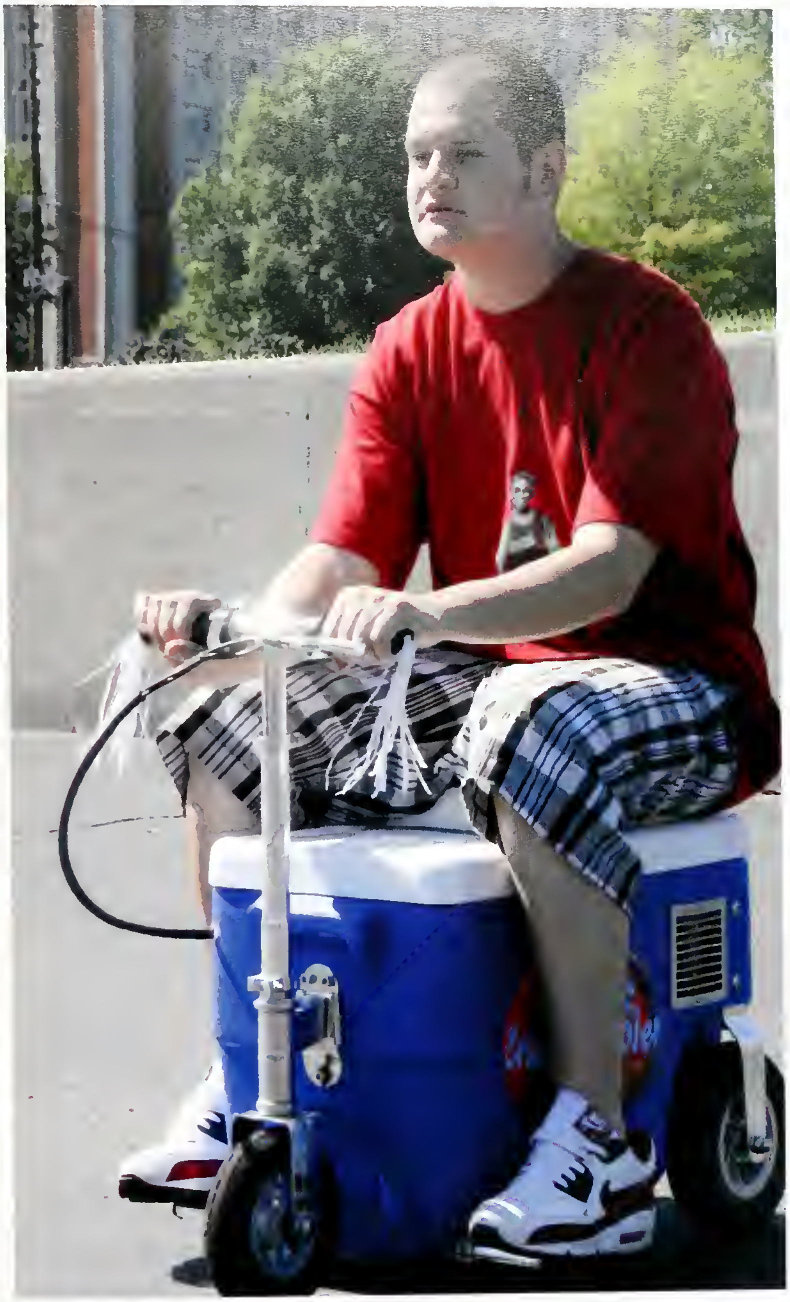

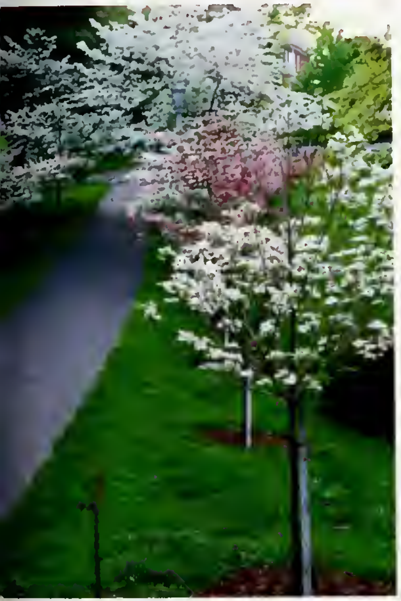

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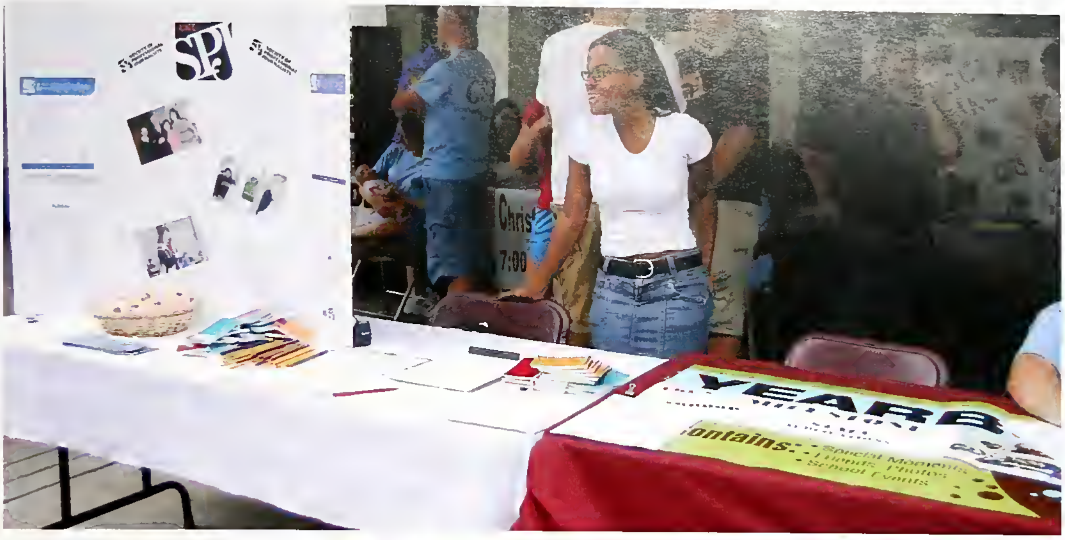
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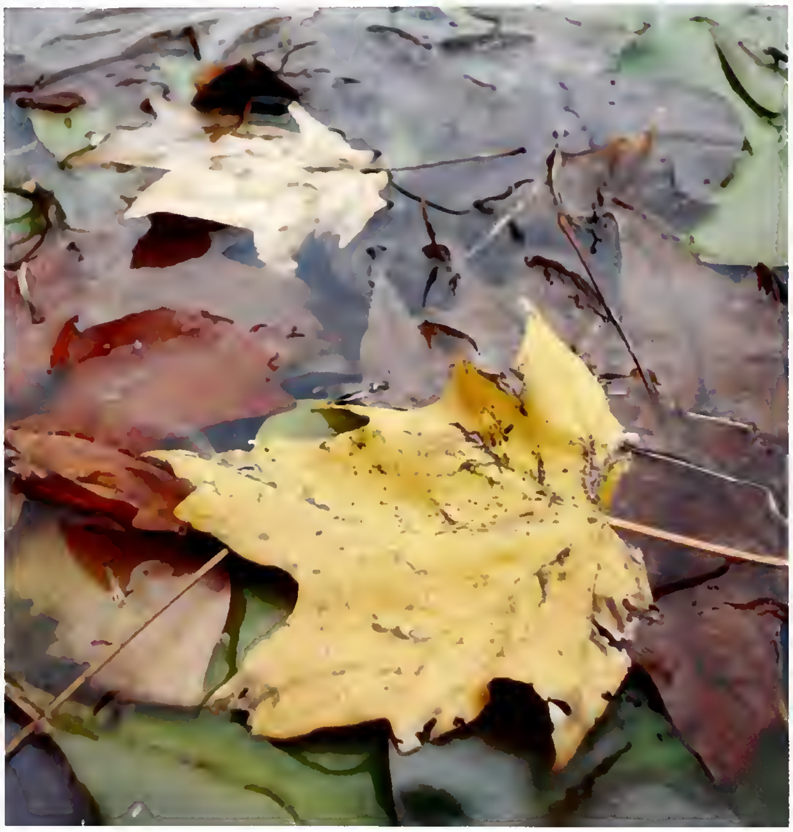

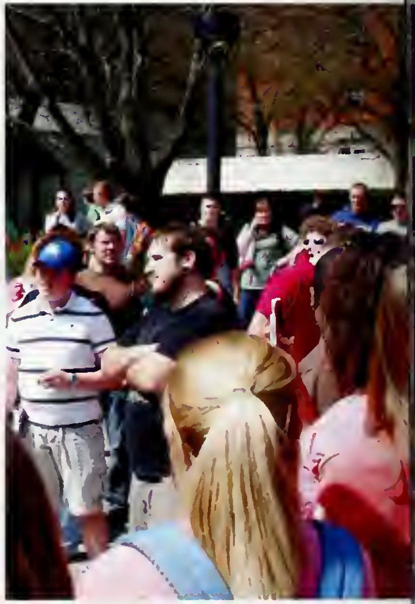

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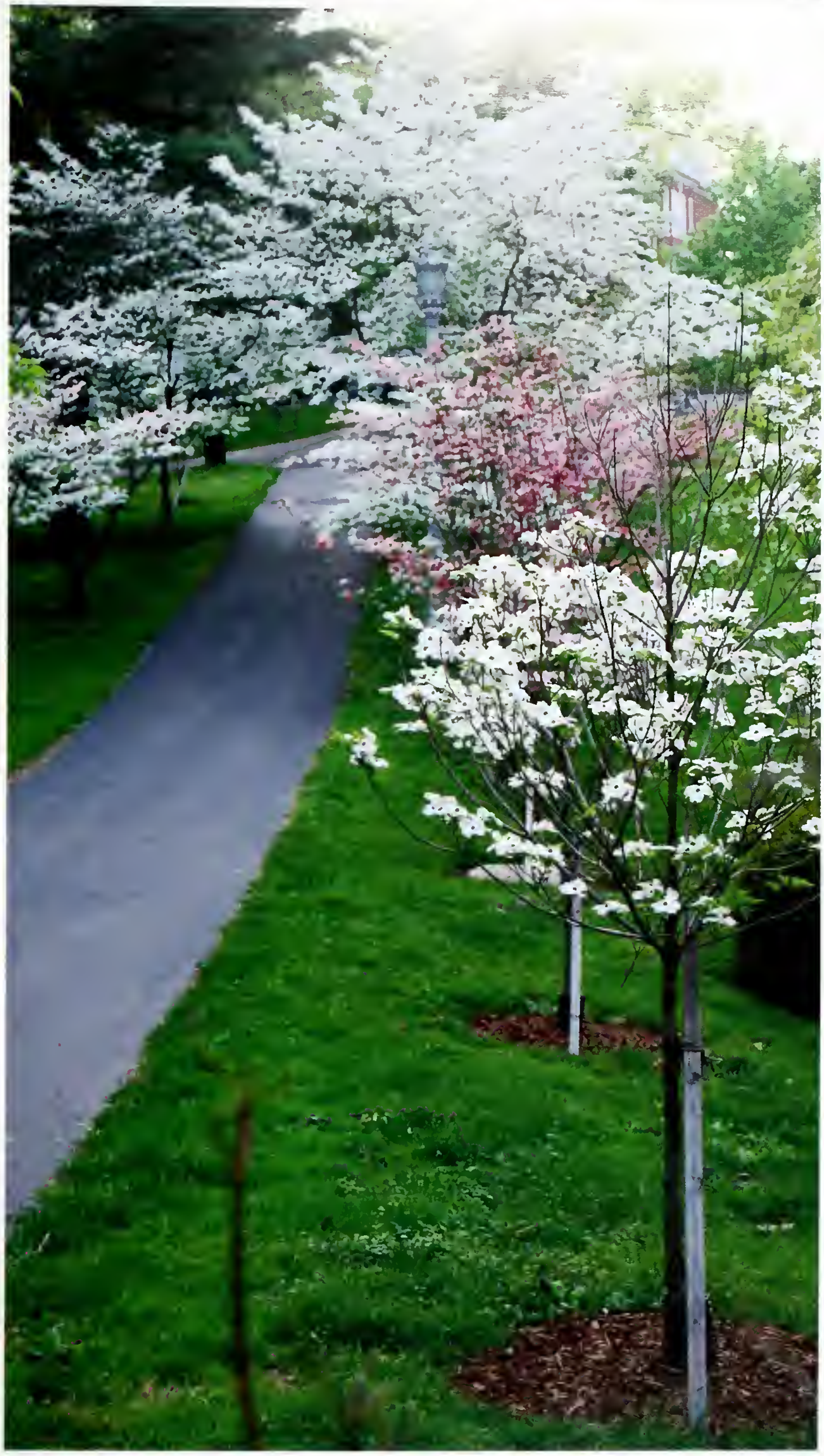

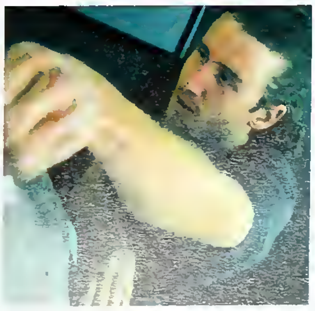

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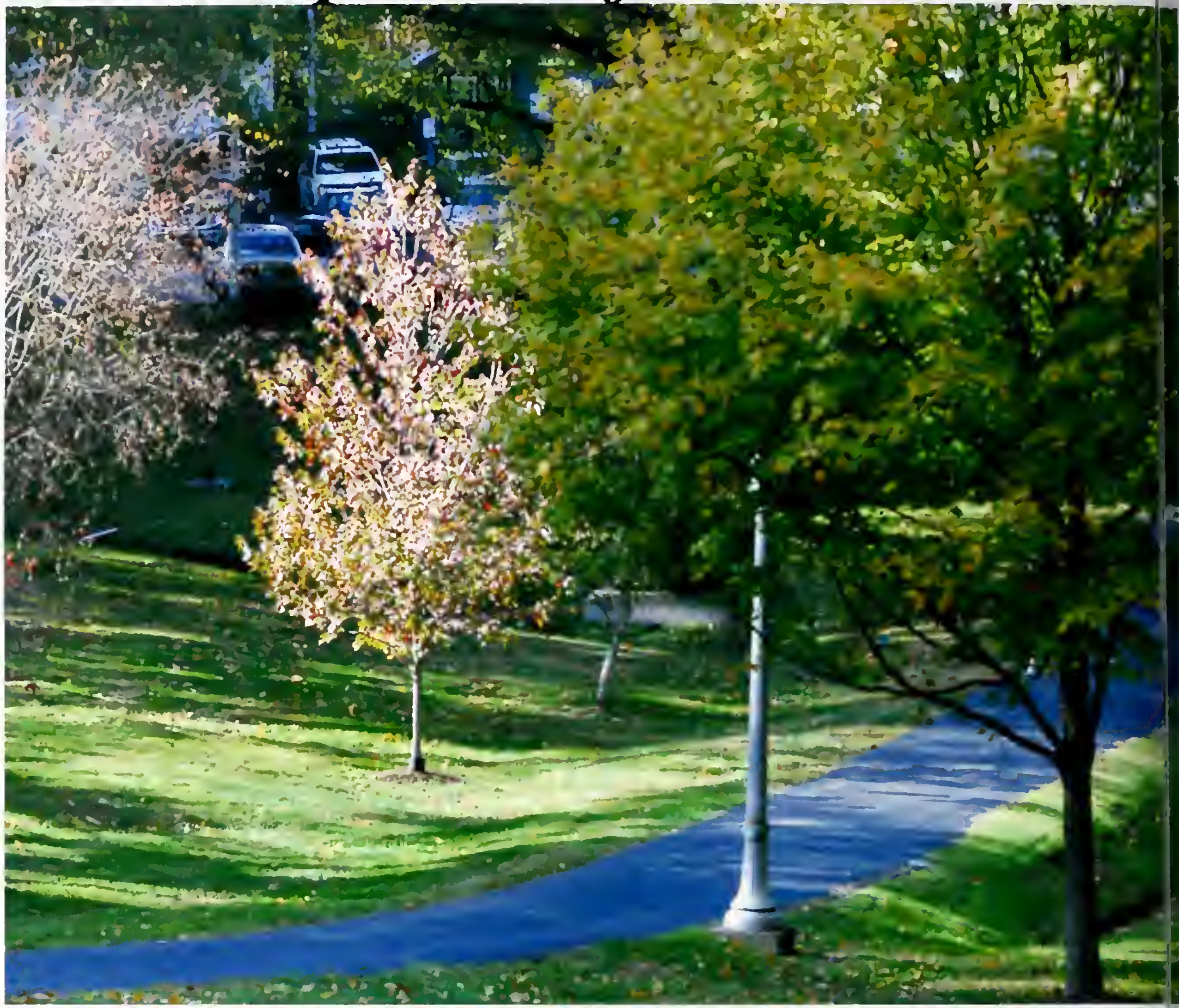

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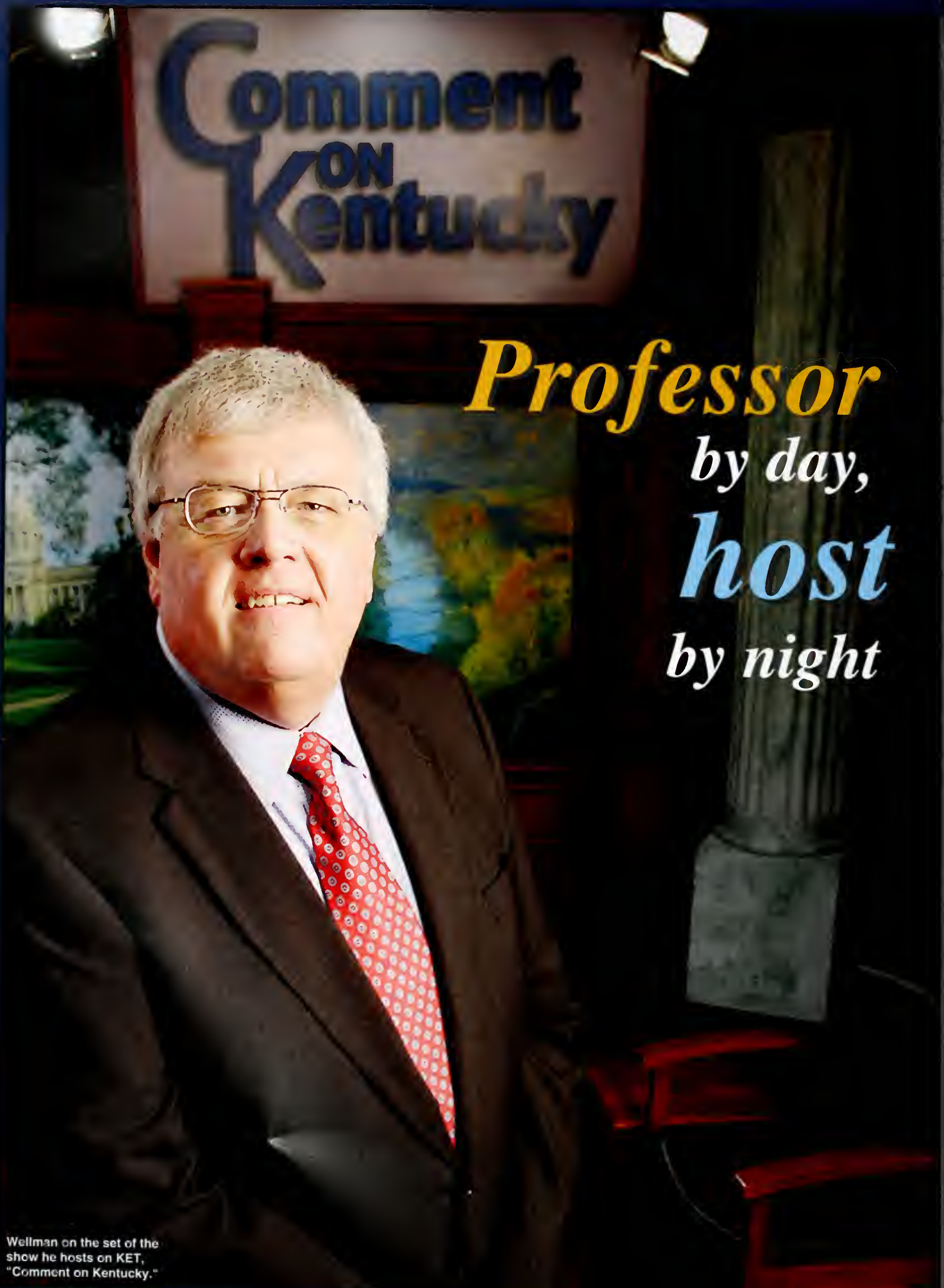
Professor by day, host by night


Comment ON Kentucky

Wellman on the set of the show he hosts on KET, "Comment on Kentucky."

At an elevation of 6,400 feet, just outside of a peasant village in Guatemala, Ferrell Wellman was covering a story on a M.A.S.H. unit of the United States Army. He and his colleague were filming the unit when suddenly the computer chip in the eyepiece stopped working. Still needing a few hours worth of footage, they contemplated filming without being able to actually see their subject.

In such a sequestered area, especially in 1989, incoming aircraft were few and far between. The men were understandably surprised when they heard a helicopter overhead.

Three minutes later, Wellman's colleague alerted him to a soldier walking up the hill.

"He has a camera! We should see if he'll let us borrow it for a bit."

"Oh, I know he will," Wellman said. "I know that guy."

The soldier was Steve Collier, a news videographer from Lexington, with whom Wellman had worked in the past.

Such events have been almost commonplace in the life of Ferrell Wellman. As a journalist, it was his job to chase stories, but often, he would simply find himself in remarkable situations. His successful career is riddled with stories that beg to be told, although he does feel this particular one may be the most extraordinary.

"That was definitely the most remote place I've ever been," Wellman said. "There weren't even any roads."

He has made the most of his 60 years. He was born on March 29, 1948, in Pikeville, Ky., and, while still a child, relocated with his parents to Lexington. After high school, he earned a bachelor of arts in broadcasting at Eastern and then a master of mass communication degree at the University of South Carolina.

"My life in many ways compares to that of Forrest Gump," Wellman said.

This is in reference to his often-random associations with notable individuals. He attended Lafayette High School with Jim Varney, late star of the many Ernest films. He shared an apartment in college with Dan Issel, who was later the highest-scoring basketball player in the University of Kentucky's history. Also, Wellman has worked with 13 Kentucky governors and is on a first-name basis with 11 of them.

Wellman has worked at six radio stations in and around Kentucky, including stations in Lexington, Louisville and Norfolk, Va.

Thus, Wellman's knowledge of Kentucky is unsurpassed, according to fellow Eastern professor Reggie Beehner.

"It's knowledge that comes from visiting the state's nooks and crannies in person and talking directly to the people there, learning their stories," Beehner said. "That direct knowledge then informs his reporting and reasoning, which makes it resonate so much more with viewers and listeners."

He was once asked to return to his birthplace of Pike County to cover a story on two self-made millionaires, Randall and Leonard McCoy. In the late 70s, the brothers were financing the new athletic facilities at their former high school. Wellman's wife, Cinda, decided to accompany him on the journey from Frankfort to Phelps, something she elected to do only a handful of times over a 20-year span.

The brother's office was located in a small mobile home on a coal-mining site. As Wellman and his wife navigated the small gravel road to the trailer, two children threw rocks at his car as they passed.

While he was conducting the interview, Wellman's wife chatted at length with the McCoys' secretary, as the women happened to share the same hometown of Cincinnati. After his work was done, his wife took it upon herself to introduce him to the secretary.

"This is Caroline Rose," she said. "Pete's wife."

Obviously, she was speaking of the famous Pete Rose, the former Cincinnati Reds all-star. The Reds were in San Francisco at the time, and Caroline Rose was filling in as secretary for their friends, whom they had met in Florida at the Red's spring training. She also had her children there, undoubtedly the two rambunctious kids who had thrown rocks at Wellman's car.

After a phone call with her husband, Rose invited the Wellmans to join in on a poker game with her and the McCoy brothers later that night.

"I barely had enough money to get back to Frankfort," Wellman said. "The last thing I wanted to do was play poker with Pete Rose's wife and two millionaire coal operators."

In early spring 1975, a tornado tore through Ohio County in western Kentucky. Wellman was in his office in Frankfort, and the press secretary of Gov. Julian Carroll asked if he would like to accompany them to the area to investigate the damage. Of course, Wellman accepted the invitation. Gov. Carroll, Wellman, two state troopers, two reporters and two of the governers aides boarded the twin-engine plane. Since they were headed west, they had to actually fly through the storm

"The plane was bouncing all over," Wellman said.

Clad in a heavy coat, he was not reacting well to the heat and closed quarters of the plane. When they landed in Owensboro, he assured the other passengers that he needed to get off the plane first. He was incredibly sick.

The governor obliged and exited the plane behind Wellman, who, as soon as he reached the bottom of the steps, began vomiting profusely. When the illness subsided, he wiped his mouth and looked around, only to see news cameras everywhere.

Television crews from Kentucky and nearby Evansville, Ind., surrounded the plane, preparing to get footage of Gov. Carroll arriving in Owensboro.

"What they ended up with," Wellman said, "was footage of me puking and the governor behind me, laughing."

These days, Wellman is in his 15th year teaching broadcast journalism at EKU.

"He obviously cares tremendously about his students," Beehner said. "If the student is willing to work hard and improve his or her craft, Ferrell will do everything he can to make sure that student succeeds in the field."

Wellman's extensive knowledge and engaging personality are not lost on his students, either.

"The main thing you can say about Ferrell Wellman," said student David Butch, "is that he is the man."

Also, he hosts a weekly television show, Comment on Kentucky, on the Kentucky Educational Television network.

"In terms of being a journalist in Kentucky, I'm satisfied with my career," he said.

He wonders what might have happened if he had taken jobs in bigger markets that he had turned down. His goal was to be a correspondent for other TV networks.

"Would I change anything? Probably not," he said. "Short of doing that, I did as well with my career as I possibly could have."

Undoubtedly one of the most poignant stories of Wellman's career is one of an elderly lady who was simply afraid to leave her home. During the 1970s, Kentucky was plagued by stories of mining disasters and accidents, and tension between miners and owners was at an all-time high. Ages, Ky., was a small coal camp community in Harlan County.

In the early hours of a winter morning in 1981, an impoundment dam broke, sending thick, black sludge flooding into the small town. One person was killed, and a portion of Ages was covered in knee-deep coal sludge. Upon hearing of the disaster, Wellman flew out of Louisville immediately with the National Guard. Amazingly, he was the first outside reporter to arrive. The entire town had been evacuated, except for one lady, who refused to leave her house. She also refused to talk to reporters from the local newspaper, and Wellman was told he definitely would not get an interview.

Despite the warnings, he waded through the sludge, clad in firefighter boots, thick blue coat, and a black battery belt, equipped with his camera, and headed to her front door. He knocked, and she cracked open the door, just far enough to peer out at him. He introduced himself and told her he would like to ask her a few questions. She, of course, declined to speak with him, and just as she was closing the door, he tried one last approach.

"Did you know Rose Marsee?" he asked.

She opened the door.

"She used to live right over there," he said, pointing toward the adjacent mountain.

"She was my best friend," she said. "How do you know her?"

"She was my grandmother," he said.

With that, she invited him inside. Once they got to talking, she told him that she had no family in Ages, only a son who lived out-of-town, and she was simply afraid to leave her home. While he was there, however, she did begin to pack up some of her things. In the end, not only did he get his interview, but he also saved this woman. Had she stayed in her home,without water or electricity, obviously she would have certainly been in much more danger than she realized. Shortly after he left, so did she.

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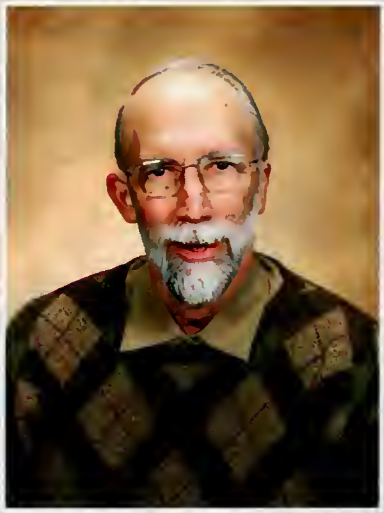
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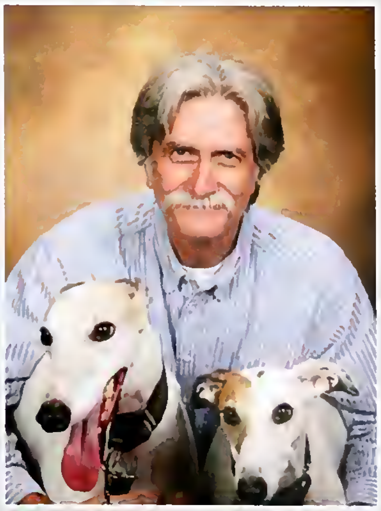

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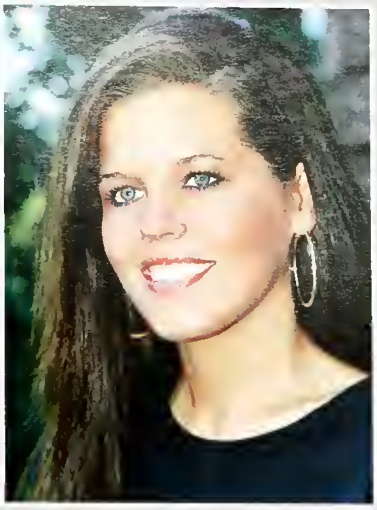

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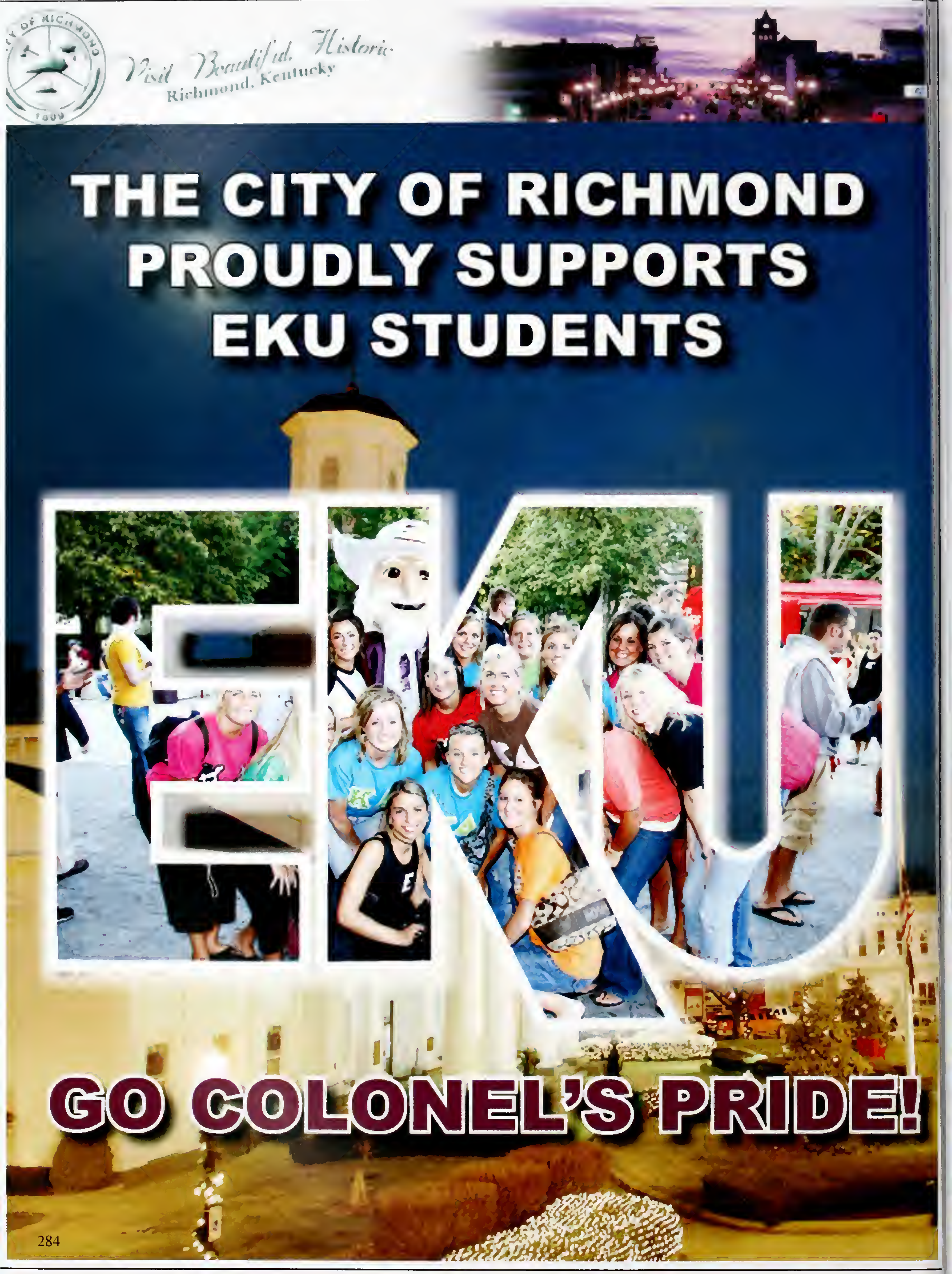

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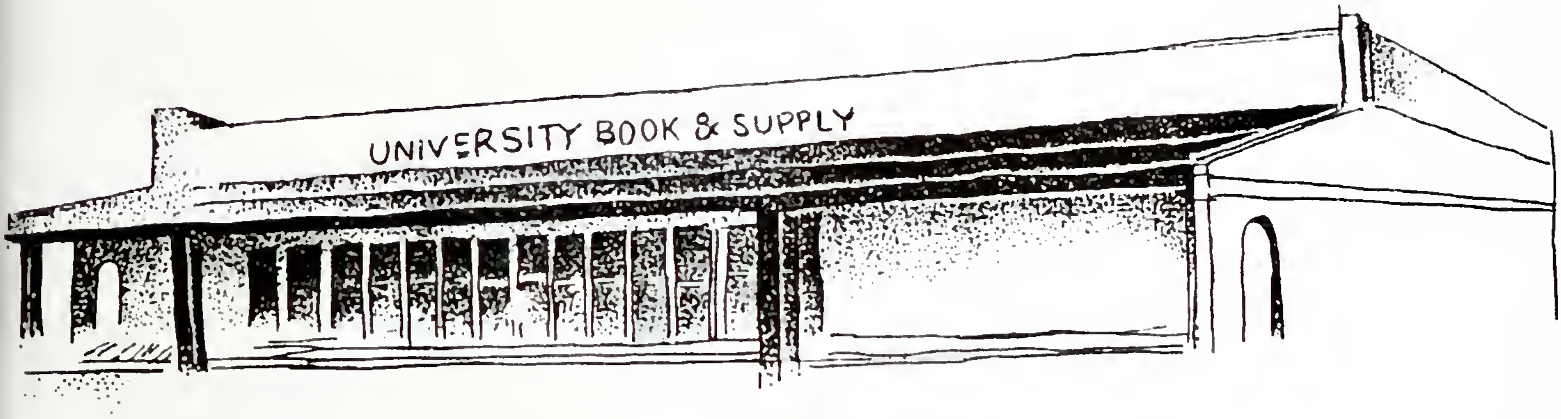
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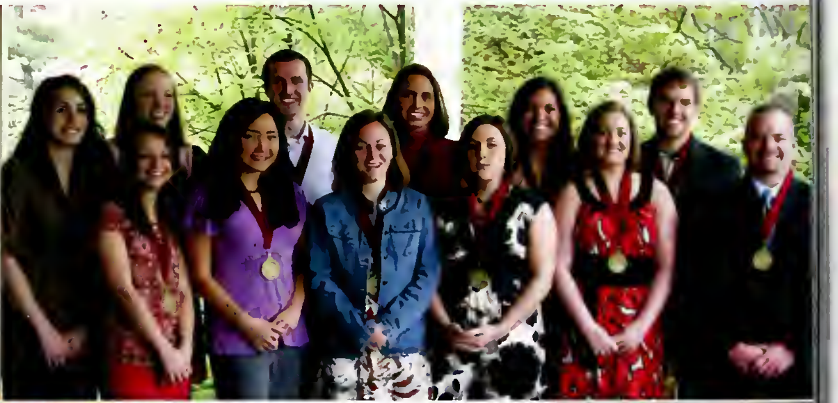

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What you are reading right now is the result of a campus working to bring back its memory marker. The staff could take all the credit in reviving this, but we would be wrong in doing so. Individuals, offices, departments and even the campus mascot turned out to help. When our staff mentioned the possibility of bringing back the *Milestone*, the response was one of desire, enthusiasm and anticipation. Sure, there was the occasional student that would ask what we were talking about, but from Doug Whitlock down, the majority of people wanted to see this happen.

The staff was provided with a multitude of inspiration, especially when it was needed. We didn't have an office, computers to work on or even an editor-in-chief less than a year ago. But work space was provided, money was delegated and people stepped up.

We told ourselves we were working to revive an Eastern tradition and to bring back something good for the campus. We worked to produce this with the vision of later generations looking back at this book and seeing what Eastern was like in 2008. We wanted people to be able to flip open this book and remember the days they spent on The Campus Beautiful. We wanted to provide a quality product to a quality school.

We hope you enjoy this yearbook for years to come.